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Int. No. 70

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 8 of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 22-827 to read as follows:

§ 22-827. Heliport operations. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Covered helicopters. The term "covered helicopter" means a rotary-wing aircraft capable of vertical

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takeoff and landing. Such term does not include helicopters operated by or on behalf of (i) the United States

armed forces, (ii) the fire department, (iii) emergency services, including any air ambulance, (iv) the police

department or other law enforcement entity, or (v) a newsgathering organization.

Heliport. The term "heliport" means a designated land area used for helicopter operations and any

appurtenant areas, including fueling facilities, terminal buildings and maintenance and repair facilities.

Newsgathering organization. The term "newsgathering organization" means an organization or entity

that gathers and reports the news by publishing, broadcasting, or cablecasting articles, commentaries, books,

photographs, video, film, or audio by electronic, print, or digital media such as radio, television, newspapers,

magazines, wire, books, and the Internet.

b. The commissioner shall require any contracted entity operating, managing or otherwise responsible

for a heliport on any property owned by the city of New York to prohibit any covered helicopter from taking off

or landing at such heliport, except in an emergency.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 180 days after enactment.

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