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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to accessible pedestrian signals.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter one of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-188 to read as follows:

§19-188 Accessible pedestrian signals program. a. The department shall establish an accessible pedestrian signals program. As part of this program, the department shall identify intersections where accessible pedestrian signals may be installed based on guidelines, including, but not limited to, those set forth in the most recent version of the manual on uniform traffic control devices. The department, after consultation with the mayor's office for people with disabilities and with advocates for and members of the visually impaired community, shall identify intersections which reflect the greatest crossing difficulty for persons with visual impairments. Commencing in 2012, the department shall annually install, based on such guidelines, an accessible pedestrian signal at each corner of twenty-five intersections identified by the department following such consultation.

b. On or before November 30, 2012, and on or before every November 30 thereafter, the department shall post on its website a report analyzing the status of the accessible pedestrian signals program which shall include, but not be limited to, a detailed assessment of the program including cost, funding sources for such program including, but not limited to city, state and federal funding, recommendations for improvements to

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such program, availability of new technology that may be employed by the department for use in such program and any additional intersections in the city that may warrant inclusion in such program. In addition, such report shall list the fifty top ranked intersections for new accessible pedestrian signals, as evaluated by the department after consultation with the mayor's office for people with disabilities and with advocates for and members of the visually impaired community, based on the criteria set forth in subdivision a of this section.

c. The department shall post on its website the locations of all such accessible pedestrian signals, disaggregated by community district and council district.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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