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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to promoting the bulk purchasing of solar energy systems by business improvement districts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-126 to read as follows:

§ 3-126 Promoting the bulk purchasing of solar energy systems by business improvement districts. a. As used in this section:

Administering agency. The term “administering agency” means the offices or agencies designated by the mayor pursuant to subdivision d to administer and enforce the provisions of this section.

Business improvement district. The term “business improvement district” means a district established pursuant to article 19-A of the general municipal law or local laws and rules implementing such article.

b. No later than one year after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the administering agency shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a plan for encouraging business improvement districts to increase their use of solar energy in satisfying their energy needs. This plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. Conducting a survey of the city’s business improvement districts to determine what buildings are included in each district;

2. Researching the capacity for solar energy system installation on individual buildings in each business improvement district; and

3. Facilitating bulk purchase of solar energy systems by such business improvement districts in order to obtain cost savings for such districts, provided that the administering agency may prioritize bulk purchase of solar energy systems by the business improvement districts having the highest capacity for installation of solar energy systems.

c. At least once in each year after the date of submission of the plan required by subdivision a, the administering agency shall report to the mayor and the speaker of the council on the implementation of such plan.

d. The mayor shall, in writing, designate one or more offices or agencies to administer and enforce the provisions of this section and may, from time to time at the mayor's discretion, change such designation. Within 10 days after such designation or change thereof, a copy of such designation or change thereof shall be published on the city's website and on the website of each such office or agency, and shall be electronically submitted to the speaker of the council.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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