

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 93

Introduced by Council Members Wong, Louis, Restler, Epstein, Brooks-Powers, Narcisse, Maloney, Banks, Gutiérrez, Gennaro and Morano.

A LOCAL LAW

In relation to a cool pavement pilot project in parks

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Cool pavement. The term “cool pavement” means pavement or pavement coatings that are designed to reduce pavement or ambient air temperatures.

Department. The term “department” means the department of parks and recreation.

Heat vulnerable community. The term “heat vulnerable community” means a neighborhood tabulation area: (i) that is in the top 40 percent of neighborhood tabulation areas for daytime summer surface temperature, as used by the department of health and mental hygiene for the report on heat vulnerability and heat-related deaths pursuant to section 17-199.14 of the administrative code of the city of New York; and (ii) where the median income of a household in such tabulation area is no more than 80 percent of the local median income.

Hyperlocal temperature monitoring. The term “hyperlocal temperature monitoring” means monitoring and measuring of hourly average temperature on a block-by-block basis.

Local median income. The term “local median income” means the median household income for New York city according to American community survey data for the year 2024, as published by the United States census bureau.

Neighborhood tabulation area. The term “neighborhood tabulation area” means a geographical area defined by the department of city planning for the purposes of providing neighborhood-level data.

Pedestrian space. The term “pedestrian space” has the same meaning as set forth in section 19-199.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, provided that it shall also include spaces within parks.

b. The department, in consultation with the department of health and mental hygiene, the department of environmental protection, the department of transportation, and the office of long-term planning and sustainability, shall commence a 4-year pilot project for the use of cool pavement on a pedestrian space, wholly within a park under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation, that is within, abutting, or directly adjacent to a playground, in at least 1 heat vulnerable community in each borough. As part of such pilot project, the department shall conduct hyperlocal temperature monitoring and assess no less than 2 types of cool pavement, including the technical feasibility, environmental impacts, and costs of each such type. The department shall post on its website and submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report on the results of the pilot project no later than February 1, 2031.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on April 16, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on May 18, 2026.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 93 of 2026, Council Int. No. 805-A of 2026) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.