

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

No. 5

Introduced by Council Members Krishnan, Louis, Brewer, Gutiérrez, Restler, Ung, Brooks-Powers, Narcisse and Gennaro.

A LOCAL LAW

In relation to determining the feasibility of increasing high school student participation in the city lifeguard corps

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The department of parks and recreation, in consultation with the department of education, shall conduct a feasibility study to determine the interest of New York city public high school students in being trained and certified as lifeguards, in order to facilitate and encourage such students to seek employment as lifeguards at beaches and pools under the jurisdiction of the department of parks and recreation during the bathing season, as such term is defined in section 18-154 of the administrative code of the city of New York. Such study shall be submitted to the mayor and the speaker of the council by November 1, 2026. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Information on the current lifeguard training and certification protocols of the department of parks and recreation and the department of education, how such training and certification protocols are applied to lifeguard trainees under the age of 18, and the average number of lifeguard trainees who were under the age of 18 during each of the last 3 years;

2. An analysis of the current capacity for the department of parks and recreation or the department of education to provide lifeguard training and certification to New York city public high school students and what additional resources would be needed to provide such training and certification to a greater number of such students, as well as to high school students who do not attend public high schools;

3. Information on not-for-profit organizations that the department of parks and recreation or the department of education coordinates with or could coordinate with to increase the participation of New York city public high school students in the city lifeguard corps;

4. An analysis of the potential locations, including both city-owned property and private property, where additional lifeguard training and certification programs could be provided;

5. An analysis of how other municipalities throughout the United States recruit and train high school students as lifeguards for employment at municipal beaches and pools; and

6. Information regarding what outreach efforts the department of parks and recreation, the department of education, or any other relevant agency could engage in to attract high school students, including students who do not attend a New York city public high school, to seek lifeguard training and certification.

§ 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 December 4, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on January 5, 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. 5 of 2026, Council Int. No. 1058-A of 2024) 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.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.