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A Local Law in relation to an infrastructure task force.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this local law, "critical infrastructure" means the systems and assets, with the exception of residential and commercial buildings, that support vital city activities and for which the diminished functioning or destruction of such systems and assets would have a debilitating impact on public safety and/or economic security.

b. New York task force on infrastructure. There shall be a New York task force on infrastructure which shall examine the condition, useful life, and replacement and maintenance requirements of critical infrastructure and public housing stock in the city of New York, with the goal of maintaining the perpetual sustainability of such critical infrastructure and public housing stock.

c. Membership. Members of the task force may include city officers and employees, and shall include,

but need not be limited to, an expert on public finance, representatives of labor, and one or more civil engineers with expertise in water supply networks, sewers, transportation, public housing, and gas and electricity distribution, who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the mayor without compensation from the city. Members shall be appointed within one hundred twenty days of the date of enactment of this local law.

d. Meetings and procedure. The task force shall select a chairperson from among its members and shall meet not less than once every quarter year. The task force may establish its own rules and procedures with respect to the conduct of its meetings and other affairs not inconsistent with law. In addition to the meeting requirements set out by this section, within one year of the enactment of this local law, the task force shall sponsor at least one public forum in each borough, at which oral and written testimony shall be accepted from the public.

e. Report. Not later than two years after the enactment of this local law, the task force shall issue a report to the mayor and speaker of the council. Such report shall include a survey of, and a report card grade for, the current condition, useful life, and replacement and maintenance requirements of critical infrastructure and public housing stock in each borough, including, but not limited to, water supply networks, sewers, hazardous waste management, transportation, coastal infrastructure, schools, and gas and electricity distribution. To the extent that replacement and maintenance requirements of critical infrastructure and public housing stock are not currently being met by the entity responsible for the operation and maintenance of such critical infrastructure or public housing stock, such report shall also include policy proposals, recommendations for changes to federal, State, or local laws, and public or private finance options, that would meet the goal of perpetual sustainability of such critical infrastructure and public housing stock. Such report shall also include a summary of substantive comments received at the public forums held pursuant to subdivision d of this local law.

f. Dissolution. Six months after the issuance of the report pursuant to subdivision e of this section, the task force shall cease to exist. Upon dissolution, all records maintained by the task force will be turned over to the office of long-term planning and sustainability.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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