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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the preparation of a vehicular traffic study prior to execution of any lease or other agreement relating to the use or operation of all or any portion of an airport owned by the city of New York.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding thereto a new section 19-153 to read as follows:

§19-153. Airport-related vehicular traffic study required. a. Prior to the execution of any lease or other agreement for construction of a new terminal at an airport owned by the city of New York, extension of an existing terminal at any such airport or a lease or other agreement with respect to the operation of any such airport, the commissioner, in conjunction with the commissioner of business services, shall complete a comprehensive study regarding airport-related vehicular traffic and shall issue a report of such study. The purpose of such study shall be to ensure that airport-related vehicular traffic does not impede traffic flow and result in unsafe conditions for pedestrians and motorists on streets in and around such airport.

b. In conducting the study, the commissioner, in conjunction with the commissioner of business services, shall:

1. determine the average daily volume of vehicular traffic arriving and departing such airport and increases likely to occur as a result of any construction or expansion of any terminals;

2. ascertain the average number of each type of vehicle arriving at and departing from such airport on a daily basis categorized as follows:

i. private vehicles;

ii. buses, taxis, luxury limousines and other for-hire vehicles; and

iii. commercial vehicles delivering, inter alia, fuel, machine parts, food and other supplies to airlines and other businesses located at such airport;

3. collect and analyze data relating to traffic produced at and around such airport by such vehicles as described in subdivision 2 of this section;

4. study the implications for traffic flow and pedestrian and motorist safety on streets in and around such airport;

5. study the effect on parking resources created by such vehicular traffic in and around such airport, including the average distance, measured in miles or fractions thereof, that persons must walk from an on or off-airport public parking facility to their airport destination;

6. evaluate the need for and feasibility of restricting vehicular traffic on streets in and around such airport including the appropriateness of limitations on airport-related vehicular traffic; and

7. examine the effects on the human respiratory system created by such various types and numbers of vehicles as described in subdivision 2 of this section, and other health problems for persons residing near such airport.

c. The report of such study shall be submitted to the mayor and the speaker of the council no less than ninety days prior to the execution of any lease or other agreement for which such study is required.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately after it is enacted into law.