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A Local Law in relation to a report on suitable locations for installing public bathrooms

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Report. a. Definition. For purposes of this local law, the term “zip code tabulation area” means an approximate generalized areal representation of a United States postal service zip code service area, as such areal representation is determined by the United States census bureau.

b. No later than December 31, 2023, an agency or office designated by the mayor, in coordination with the department of parks and recreation and the department of transportation, shall submit to the mayor and to the speaker of the council a report identifying the number of operational public bathroom facilities in each zip code tabulation area in the city. Such report shall also identify at least one location in each zip code tabulation area where such designated agency or office deems it feasible and appropriate to install a public bathroom facility, except that such identification will not be required for any zip code tabulation area in which the designated agency or office determines the installation of a public bathroom facility would not be suitable because such zip code tabulation area contains a single commercial building, education facility or residential complex, or is entirely comprised of industrial zones. The designated agency or office shall consider input provided by community boards and the public when identifying such location for a public bathroom facility. Such report shall also include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. The factors considered in determining whether an identified location is appropriate for installing a public bathroom facility;
2. Features necessary for compliance with the Americans with disabilities act and any other accessibility requirement, and proposed safety measures that may be considered for such identified locations;
3. The process required to install and maintain a public bathroom facility and implement such accessibility and safety measures;
4. Any challenges identified with the installation and maintenance of public bathroom facilities, including any known community opposition; and
5. Any additional recommendations for the installation of a public bathroom facility in each identified location to address the challenges associated with such installation.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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