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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 comprehensive noise 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. Chapter 2 of Title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding thereto a new section 24-233.1 to read as follows:

§24-233.1. Airport noise 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 relating to airport noise and shall issue a report of such study.

b. The study required by subdivision a of this section shall be undertaken pursuant to the provisions of section 24-205 of this chapter for the purpose of ensuring that ambient airport noise does not reach unreasonable levels.

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

1. establish the average number of daily arrivals and departures of aircraft at such airport and increases likely to occur as a result of any construction or expansion of any terminals;
2. determine the average noise level, measured in decibels, of arriving and departing aircraft as well as overall ambient noise levels;
3. determine the average number of each type of aircraft arriving at and departing from such airport on a daily basis;
4. collect and analyze data relating to noise produced at such airport by vehicles and equipment that service aircraft at such airport; as well as buses, taxis, limousines and other for-hire vehicles that serve such airport;
5. study the noise implications of airport and ground in-flight operations,

such as those relating to routing and delays;

6. examine all relevant available information, including the State implementation plan under the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401, et seq.), as well as any master plan for such airport;

7. examine the effects on hearing of the noise created by such various types and numbers of aircraft, as well as vehicles and equipment described in subdivision 4 of this subsection, and other health problems for persons residing near such airport; and

8. evaluate the need for and feasibility of noise regulation in and around such airport and recommend limitations on airport-related activity due to the accompanying ambient noise levels.

d. 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.