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A Local Law to amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to public notice prior to the permanent removal of any emergency medical service station.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 487 of chapter 19 of the New York City Charter is amended to read as follows:

§487. Powers. a. The commissioner shall have sole and exclusive power and perform all duties for the government, discipline, management, maintenance and direction of the fire department and the premises and property in the custody thereof, however, the commissioner shall provide written notice with supporting documentation at least forty-five days prior to the permanent closing of any firehouse or the permanent removal or relocation of any fire fighting unit or emergency medical service station to the council members, community boards and borough presidents whose districts are served by such facility or unit and the chairperson of the council's [public safety] fire and criminal justice services committee. For purposes of this section, the term "permanent" shall mean a time period in excess of six months. In the event that the permanent closing of any firehouse or the permanent removal or relocation of any firefighting unit or emergency medical service station does not occur within four months of the date of the written notice, the commissioner shall issue another written notice with supporting documentation prior to such permanent removal or relocation. The four months during which the written notice is effective shall be tolled for any period in which a restraining order or injunction prohibiting the closing of such noticed facility or unit shall be in effect.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

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