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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the naming of city streets and parks.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision d of section 2800 of chapter 70 of the charter of the city of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph (22) to read as follows:

(22) Evaluate or initiate proposals to name city streets and parks or to change the name of city streets and parks, within the community district, consult with the department of city planning, and the department of transportation or department of parks and recreation as applicable, regarding such proposals; conduct public hearings on such proposals; and refer resolutions which receive the approval of three quarters of the community board members present and voting to the council for further action, together with any other supporting materials that the community board deems necessary and appropriate.

§ 2. Section 19-160 of chapter one of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 19-160 [Private streets; names, restrictions of] Street names; restrictions on.

a. It shall be unlawful for any private street or thoroughfare to bear a name similar to a street or thoroughfare officially named.

b. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine or not more than ten dollars, imprisonment for not more than ten days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

c. Proposals to name, or to change the name of, city streets shall be approved at a noticed public hearing, pursuant to paragraph 22 of section 2800 (d) of the charter, by the community board, or boards, which represent the community district, or districts, within which such public street is located. Such approvals shall be referred to the council for further review. The council must affirmatively consent to consider such community board action within sixty days of the introduction of such item at the stated meeting of the council next following its receipt. Absent council action to review such a community board action within such sixty day time period, the proposed street name shall become effective upon the expiration of thirty days thereafter.

d. City street names, or name changes, approved pursuant to the provisions of this section shall require the posting of single signs bearing the new city street name beneath the signs bearing the current street name, where applicable.

§ 3. Chapter one of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-132 to read as follows:

§ 18-132. Park names; requirements for change. Proposals to officially name, or to change the name, of a park under the jurisdiction of the commissioner shall be reviewed by the community board, or boards, which represent the community district, or districts within which such park is located. Approval by the community board, or boards, pursuant to paragraph 22 of section 2800(d) of the charter, shall be referred to the council for further review. The council must affirmatively consent to consider such community board action within sixty days of the introduction of such item at the stated meeting of the council next following its receipt. Absent council action to review such a community board action within such sixty day time period, the proposed city park name shall become effective upon the expiration of thirty days thereafter.

§ 4. This local law shall take effect after it shall be approved by the voters at the next general election held after its enactment into law.