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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of consumer and worker protection to report on newsstands

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Reporting. a. No later than January 31, 2025, and annually by January 31 thereafter, the commissioner of the department of consumer and worker protection, in consultation with the commissioner of the department of transportation, shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and shall post conspicuously on the department of consumer and worker protection's website a report regarding newsstands.

b. The commissioner may discontinue reporting to the mayor and the council after issuing 5 annual reports as required by subdivision a of this section, so long as the commissioner provides written notice to the mayor and the speaker of the council, at least 60 days before any report would otherwise be due, of the commissioner's intention to discontinue such reporting.

c. The reports shall include the following information applicable as of January 1, 2025 and annually by January 1 thereafter:

1. The total number of licensed newsstand operators;
2. The total number of newsstands in the city;
3. The number of newsstands that are not presently in use, the number of days that each such newsstand has been out of use;
4. The number of newsstands that have been demolished due to disuse in the past five years;
5. The dollar amount it costs to the city to demolish a newsstand;

6. The number of newsstand license applicants who received all necessary approvals by the city and await an operable newsstand;

7. The number of newsstand license applicants awaiting approval by the city;

8. The average outstanding loan balance owed by newsstand licensees to the franchisee for the cost of construction and installation of the newsstand, pursuant to subdivision c of section 20-241 of this code, and the number of such loans;

9. The number of violations issued by the department of transportation pursuant to the inspection requirement in paragraph 6 of subdivision k of section 20-231 of this code; and

10. The contractual terms of the city's contract with the franchisee, and the expiration of such contract.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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