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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to childcare services at public meetings

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 47 of the New York city charter is amended to add a new section 1069.2 to read as follows:

§ 1069.2 Childcare at public meetings. a. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Administering agency. The term “administering agency” means the administration for children’s services.

Child. The term “child” means a natural person under the age of thirteen years or a natural person with a disability under the age of nineteen years.

Childcare Services. The term “childcare services” means care for a child at a location in proximity to a covered meeting by a provider licensed and registered pursuant to section 390 of the New York state social services law or by a legally exempt childcare provider who meets the requirements set forth in section 415.13 of subchapter c of the New York state regulations of the department of social services.

Covered Meeting. The term “covered meeting” means any public meeting held by a mayoral agency at which testimony from the public is accepted, but does not include any event or activity for which the primary purpose is entertainment or recreation.

b. The administering agency shall, upon request in a form and manner to be determined by such agency,

provide childcare services at all covered meetings. Such request shall be submitted no less than five business days prior to the covered meeting by a parent, step-parent or guardian that will be attending the covered meeting.

c. Any invitation, advertisement, poster or public notice for a covered meeting, whether in print or via electronic means, shall contain information on how a request for childcare services may be submitted and the deadline for when such a request must be received.

d. For any meeting, other than a covered meeting or an event or activity for which the primary purpose is entertainment or recreation, that is open to the public and held by a city governmental entity other than a mayoral agency, such city governmental entity may request that childcare services be provided for such meeting pursuant to subdivision b of this section, provided that a request from a parent, step-parent or guardian that will be attending the meeting has been received and that the administering agency is informed no less than five business days prior to the meeting.

e. The requirements of this section shall be limited by the appropriation of funds available for such purpose.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 1 year after it becomes law.

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