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Int. No. 532

By Council Members Epstein, Louis, Brewer, Hanif, Marte, Brooks-Powers and Gutiérrez

A Local Law in relation to establishing a pilot program to install drinking fountains on fire hydrants and the repeal of this local law upon the expiration thereof

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Drinking Fountain Pilot Program. a. The commissioner of environmental protection, in collaboration with the fire commissioner, shall establish a pilot program to install drinking fountains on fire hydrants. As part of such program, the commissioners shall install drinking fountains on at least 5 fire hydrants per borough, and the drinking fountains shall be operational at least from April to September each year during the duration of the program. Such program shall commence no later than 2 years after the effective date of this local law and shall conclude 2 years after the commencement of such program.

b. No later than 1 year after the conclusion of this program, the commissioner of environmental protection, in collaboration with the fire commissioner, shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a

report that contains recommendations on whether to expand or make such program permanent. Such report shall also identify any challenges and issues presented by the program.

c. The commissioner of environmental protection and the fire commissioner need not comply with subdivisions a and b of this section if the fire commissioner determines that the drinking fountains would interfere with the fire department's use of fire hydrants. If the fire commissioner makes such a determination, the fire commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council, within 6 months, a report identifying the specific reasons for such determination.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and expires and is deemed repealed upon final submission of either the report required by subdivision b or the report required by subdivision c of section one of this local law. Upon such submission, the mayor shall notify the corporation counsel for the purpose of effectuating section 7-111 of the administrative code of the city of New York. Any failure to provide the notification described in this section shall not affect the effective date of any provision of this local law.

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