



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to designating communications havens for emergency events.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 30 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 30-114 to read as follows:

§ 30-114 Communications havens. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of information technology and telecommunications, as well as any other relevant agency head, shall designate communications havens throughout the city. Such communication havens shall be spaces in which publicly accessible telecommunications equipment, such as electronic device charging stations and wireless or landline communications devices and connections, shall be made available immediately following emergency events that impair the communications infrastructure of nearby communities. Communication haven locations shall be community based and selected by considering criteria such as a risk or history of emergency events, vulnerability to prolonged utility outages, ease of access during an emergency and the geographic isolation of the community. Such locations shall be indicated by publicly posted signage and inclusion in relevant public awareness materials.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment into law.

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