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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that all city-owned buildings be powered by renewable energy sources by 2050

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 4 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 4-209 to read as follows:

§ 4-209 Renewable energy in city-owned buildings. a. As used in this section:

Renewable energy sources. The term “renewable energy sources” means qualified energy resources, as such term is defined in section 45 of title 26 of the United States code.

b. No later than January 1, 2050, all city-owned buildings must be completely powered by renewable energy sources, pursuant to the following schedule:

1. No later than January 1, 2020, not less than 15 percent of the total energy used in city-owned buildings must come from renewable energy sources;

2. No later than January 1, 2025, not less than 30 percent of the total energy used in city-owned buildings must come from renewable energy sources;

3. No later than January 1, 2030, not less than 45 percent of the total energy used in city-owned buildings must come from renewable energy sources;

4. No later than January 1, 2035, not less than 60 percent of the total energy used in city-owned buildings must come from renewable energy sources;

5. No later than January 1, 2040, not less than 75 percent of the total energy used in city-owned

buildings must come from renewable energy sources;

6. No later than January 1, 2045, not less than 90 percent of the total energy used in city-owned buildings must come from renewable energy sources;

c. No later than three months after each compliance date set in subdivision b of this section, the department of citywide administrative services shall submit to the mayor and council a report concerning the implementation of this section, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. The percentage of total energy used in city-owned buildings that comes from renewable energy sources;

2. Any difficulties in complying with this section and recommendations for addressing such difficulties;

3. The types of renewable energy sources utilized and recommendations for expanding or limiting the definition of renewable energy sources in this section, if any;

4. The costs attributable to complying with this section;

5. Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions attributable to complying with this section, including any other environmental or energy-related benefits attributable to such compliance.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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