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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of environmental protection to meet certain standards for fire hydrant repairs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-308.1 to read as follows:

§ 24-308.1 Fire hydrant repair time standards and tracking. a. For purposes of this section, the term “high-priority hydrant” means a hydrant:

1. Located near a hospital, a school or senior-citizen housing;
2. That is the only operative hydrant on a block; or
3. That belongs to a category determined by the department to qualify as high priority

b. The department shall establish written standards for governing responses to fire hydrant complaints.

c. After being notified that a hydrant is inoperable, the department shall repair any high-priority hydrant within seven calendar days and non-high-priority hydrant within 10 calendar days.

d. The department shall post on its website, in real time, the following information:

1. All fire hydrant complaints received;

2. The location of each inoperable fire hydrant, whether it is a high-priority hydrant and whether it was repaired on time;

3. A list of all requests for hydrant repairs that will require more than 10 calendar days to complete, why the repair will take longer than 10 calendar days and whether each hydrant is a high-priority hydrant; and

4. The number of fire hydrants that need repairs more than once a calendar quarter, their locations, the steps to be taken to determine the cause of regular inoperability and mitigation steps the department will take to prevent future inoperability

e. The department shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council an annual report on the information collected in subdivision d of this section. The information shall be aggregated citywide and disaggregated by borough and council district.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law; provided, however, that the commissioner of environmental protection shall take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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