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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a task force to assess safety risks at construction sites

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Article 110 of title 28 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 28-110.3 to read as follows:

§ 28-110.3 Task force on safety at construction sites. There is hereby established a task force within the department to assess the effect of hazards posed to pedestrian, construction worker and vehicular safety by construction activity and to make specific recommendations to the mayor and council for the alleviation of such negative consequences resulting from such construction activity. Such task force shall:

1. Consist of the following individuals, or designees thereof:
 - 1.1. The commissioner, who shall be the chairperson;
 - 1.2. The chairperson of the city planning commission;
 - 1.3. The commissioner of environmental protection;
 - 1.4. The commissioner of health;
 - 1.5. The commissioner of housing preservation and development;
 - 1.6. The commissioner of transportation;
 - 1.7. The fire commissioner;
 - 1.8. The police commissioner; and
 - 1.9. Such other members as the commissioner shall designate;
2. Hold at least one meeting every six months;
3. Advise the mayor and council on new and planned building construction projects that may result in

disrupting the use of sidewalks and streets by pedestrians, construction workers and motorists;

4. Study the safety record of construction companies that have been permitted to engage in construction activities within the last ten years and identify the instances where the activities of such construction companies have caused injury or harm to a pedestrian, construction worker or motorist in the vicinity of a permitted construction site;
5. Study the condition of sidewalks and streets in the vicinity of construction activity, where such construction activity may disrupt the use of sidewalks and streets by pedestrians, construction workers and motorists;
6. Identify the safety standards and practices used by construction companies that have been permitted to engage in construction activities within the last ten years, including whether such companies have consistently complied with site safety plan requirements pursuant to this article and chapter 33 of the New York city building code; and
7. By December 31 of each year, provide to the mayor and the council a report which shall include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of the sufficiency of the current regulatory framework in limiting safety hazards to pedestrians, construction workers and motorists at construction sites, recommendations to improve pedestrian, construction worker and motorist safety at construction sites, including proposed changes to laws, agency rules, agency enforcement practices and safety protocols of construction companies, a list of construction companies that have incurred repeated violations of chapter 33 of the New York city building code and a list of the locations where permitted construction activity has resulted in damage to city infrastructure, including sidewalks, streets, water mains and utility conduits, including the severity of such damage. Such report shall be made publicly available on the department's website within ten days after the release of such report.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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