

The New York City Council

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to identifying all vacant and underutilized municipally-owned sites that would be suitable for the development of renewable energy and assessing the renewable-energy generation potential and feasibility of such sites.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 8 of title 24 of the administrative code is amended by adding a new section 24-806.1 to read as follows:

§ 24-806.1 Renewable energy generation on vacant city-owned lots. On or before December 31, 2019, and every three years thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and council a report identifying all vacant and underutilized municipally-owned sites that would be suitable for the development of renewable energy. Such report must contain an assessment of the feasibility of renewable energy generation, including a cost-benefit analysis of solar or wind energy generation on such sites, including consideration of all vacant and underutilized municipally-owned sites, closed- and capped-solid waste landfills and brownfields. A draft of such study shall be submitted to the mayor and the speaker of the council no less than ninety days before the submission of the final report. In the event that the study concludes that no greater use may be made from vacant and underutilized sites, including closed and capped landfills and brownfields the department shall explain its reasons therefor. For every report for which there are no recommendations made with respect to the opportunities to generate solar or wind energy from vacant and underutilized sites including closed and capped landfills and brownfields in New York City, the department shall undertake another study in three years to examine this issue again and ascertain whether generation of solar or wind energy from vacant and

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underutilized sites, including closed and capped landfills and brownfields in New York City is more feasible at that time.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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