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By Council Members Borelli and Yeger

A Local Law in relation to requiring the fire department to implement a pilot program for the deployment of motorized scooters for the transportation of emergency medical service personnel

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following terms have the following meanings: Emergency medical services. The term “emergency medical services” means the services provided by the bureau of emergency medical services within the fire department.

Motorized scooters. The term “motorized scooters” means any wheeled device with handlebars that is designed to be stood upon by the operator and is powered by a motor.

b. The fire department shall establish a pilot program for equipping personnel delivering emergency medical services with motorized scooters to be used in locations where accessibility for traditional ambulance responses is hindered due to geographic considerations or pedestrian traffic. Such pilot shall be in effect for a minimum of three years. The fire department shall notify the Council no less than six months prior to terminating the use of such electric scooters.

c. No later than January 15, 2020, and within 15 days of the beginning of each subsequent calendar year, the fire department shall submit to the council and post public on its website information pertaining to the implementation of the motorized scooter pilot program created pursuant to subdivision b of this local law. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

1. The number of motorized scooters utilized by personnel delivering emergency medical services and the relevant geographic coverage areas;

2. The factors considered when determining the geographical areas to be covered by the pilot program;
3. The number of emergency responses conducted by personnel on motorized scooters; and
4. The average response time for emergency medical responses for personnel using motorized scooters, disaggregated by borough.

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

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