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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 comprehensive five borough plan to protect the entire shoreline from climate change, sea level rise and sunny day flooding

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 24 of the New York city administrative code is amended by adding a new section 24-808 to read as follows:

§ 24-808 Comprehensive plan for the entire shoreline. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Hard and soft stabilization methods. The term “hard and soft stabilization methods” means rip rap, groins, breakwaters, levees, floodwalls, marshes, erosion control, beach nourishment and restoration, non-structural living shoreline options, and any similar stabilization methods.

Structural and non-structural risk reduction approaches. The term “structural and non-structural risk reduction approaches” means strategic relocation programs removing structures from floodplains, wetlands preservation and restoration, densification on high ground, and any similar concepts.

b. No later than January 1, 2021, and every ten years thereafter, the office of long-term planning and sustainability, or such other agency or office as the mayor shall designate, shall develop a comprehensive five borough plan to protect the entire shoreline of New York city, consisting of all areas of the city within the special flood hazard area of the flood insurance rate map as described in subsection (e) of section 4101 of the

United States code. Such plan shall consider both hard and soft stabilizations methods and structural and non-structural risk reduction approaches. Such plan shall not conflict with any proposals developed by the United States army corps of engineers as part of the New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study.

b. Each shoreline community district, in which a portion of such community district is located within a special flood hazard area of the flood insurance rate map as described in subsection (e) of section 4101 of the United States code, shall be evaluated for climate change resiliency and adaptation measures. For each such community district, hard and soft stabilization methods shall be evaluated for their effectiveness in protecting residential buildings not more than three stories in height located within the special flood hazard area within such community district, and implemented where appropriate. For each such community district, structural and non-structural risk reduction approaches shall be evaluated, and implemented where appropriate.

c. Such comprehensive plan shall include long-term strategies to address climate change, sea level rise and sunny day flooding.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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