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By Council Member Adams

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the parks and playgrounds that have failed inspections conducted by the department of parks and recreation

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-156 to read as follows:

§ 18-156 Park and playground inspections. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following term has the following meaning:

Park feature. The term “park feature” means a structural or landscape element of a park or other property under the jurisdiction of the department, including, but not limited to, athletic fields, benches, fences, lawns, horticultural areas, paved surfaces, play equipment, safety surfacing, sidewalks, trees, or unpaved trails.

b. The department shall develop standards for grading park features that have been examined pursuant to an inspection conducted by the department. In determining a grade for a park feature, the standards shall consider the cleanliness of each park feature including, but not limited to, the presence of litter, graffiti, broken glass, ice or weeds and whether the overall condition of any park feature is suitable for the intended use of such park feature. Upon the conclusion of an inspection, a grade of acceptable or unacceptable for the cleanliness and overall condition of such park feature shall be issued.

c. On December 31, 2019 and every six months thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the mayor and the council regarding park features under the jurisdiction of the department that were found to receive an unacceptable rating pursuant to an inspection conducted by the department.

c. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The date and location of each inspection performed by the department on a park feature of a park, playground, pool, beach or recreation center, where such park feature was issued an unacceptable rating for its cleanliness or overall condition during such inspection three or more times during a six month period;

2. For each park feature, a description of the condition that resulted in an unacceptable rating being issued for its cleanliness or overall condition;

3. A plan that describes the work needed to be performed in order to bring such feature into a condition where its cleanliness or overall condition would be rated as acceptable pursuant to an inspection performed by the department; and

4. An estimate of the cost and timeframe required to complete such work;

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

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