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A Local Law in relation to requiring the department of buildings to report on the safety and feasibility of permitting building exterior wall examinations by unmanned aircraft systems

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The department of buildings shall conduct a study of the safety and feasibility of permitting the critical examinations of a building's exterior walls, required pursuant to section 28-302.2 of the administrative code of the city of New York, to be conducted with the use of unmanned aircraft systems. The department shall:

1. Study whether permitting such examinations to be conducted with the use of unmanned aircraft systems would (i) be prohibited by any provision of law or contrary to the rules and regulations of the federal aviation administration (ii) conflict with existing rules, regulations or policies of any city agencies (iii) be more or less effective in ensuring pedestrian safety than current examination practices and (iv) reduce the use of sidewalk sheds and scaffolding citywide; and

2. Identify any other obstacles or concerns, including but not limited to safety and privacy issues, that could impede the use of unmanned aircraft systems in performing such critical examinations.

§2. The department shall issue a report of the study's findings to the mayor and the speaker of the council upon completion of such study, which shall be no later than June 30, 2020.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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