



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to studying the feasibility of electrifying existing buildings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision e of section 3-126 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

e. Where the administering agency has established a long-term energy plan in accordance with this section and in conjunction with the long-term sustainability plan required by subdivision e of section 20 of the [New York city] charter, the advisory subcommittee shall provide advice and recommendations with respect to:

1. Plans for providing information to city residents and other members of the public regarding energy efficiency initiatives and the purchase of renewable energy;
2. Plans for the dissemination of information to city residents and other members of the public about the benefits of and progress attained through such long-term energy plan; [and]
3. Plans for providing information to property owners, engineers, electricians, architects and other members of the public on the methods and potential benefits of the electrification of existing buildings; and
4. For any subsequent long-term energy plan, a review of the city's objectives and recommendations established in the previous long-term energy plan.

§ 2. Subdivision g of section 3-126 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

g. The long-term energy plan developed in accordance with subdivision d of this section shall include the following:

1. An assessment of the feasibility of replacing in-city gas-fired power plants associated with the bulk power system with battery storage powered by renewable energy sources in a manner that is consistent with the New York state public service commission energy storage deployment policy developed pursuant to section 74 of the public service law;

2. An assessment of when such replacement, if feasible, can take place; [and]

3. A review of potential technologies for battery storage of energy[.];

4. A review of the regulatory barriers to the electrification of existing buildings and the impacts of energy subsidies, including consideration of the impacts of utility franchise agreements, gas subsidies such as for gas line extensions, appliance emission standards, and energy rates;

5. An assessment of the potential costs for property owners of the electrification of existing buildings, including consideration of buildings of various types and sizes;

6. An assessment of possible time frames for the electrification of existing buildings of various types and sizes, including consideration of both the energy demands required and state and local greenhouse gas reduction goals;

7. An assessment of the potential equity impacts of the electrification of existing buildings, including considerations of property owner access to financing, and potential financial impacts on tenants; and

8. An assessment of the renewable energy sources that would be needed to meet any increase in demand caused by the electrification of existing buildings.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.