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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the inter-agency review of emergency plans and public reporting on such plans

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision j of section 497 of the New York city charter, as added by vote of the electors on November 6, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

j. coordinate with all city agencies to ensure that all such agencies develop, [and] implement and periodically review citywide emergency [response] plans [in connection with planning major city events];

§ 2. Section 498 of the New York city charter, as added by vote of the electors on November 6, 2001, is amended to read as follows:

§ 498. Agency cooperation and review of citywide emergency plans. a. The department shall be the lead agency in the coordination and facilitation of resources in incidents involving public safety and health, including incidents, which may involve acts of terrorism. All agencies shall provide the department promptly with all information relevant to the performance of the emergency management functions and shall collect and make available any information requested by the department for use in emergency planning. All agencies further shall promptly provide the department with all appropriate material, equipment and resources needed for emergency management functions, including personnel.

b. No later than two years after the effective date of the local law that created this subdivision, and every two years thereafter, the department shall convene relevant agencies to review citywide emergency plans

coordinated by the department.

c. Following each review conducted pursuant to subdivision b of this section, the department shall publish on its website a list of citywide emergency plans coordinated by the department and a summary of each such plan, including but not limited to information on the roles and responsibilities of relevant agencies and other partners. Publication of summaries concerning a particular plan shall not be required where the mayor has determined that it would impede the city's ability to plan for and respond to threats to security including terrorism and cyber attacks; however, in such instances the department shall disclose the existence of such plans and identify relevant agencies and other partners involved in implementation of such plans.

d. The department shall establish procedures through which members of the public can submit public comments on emergency planning.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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