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By Council Members Rosenthal, Rivera, Reynoso, Brannan, Dromm, Chin, Cabán, Levin, Gennaro, Rose and the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) (by request of the Queens Borough President)

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to nighttime illumination during peak avian migration periods

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 4 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 4-217 read as follows:

§ 4-217 Limitation on nighttime illumination in city-owned or leased buildings during peak avian migration periods. a. For the purposes of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

Non-essential outdoor lighting. The term “non-essential outdoor lighting” means lighting that has not been deemed essential for either safety or functionality as determined by an agency designated by the mayor or by the owner of a leased building.

Peak avian migration period. The term “peak avian migration period” means the period from August 15 through November 15, and the period from April 1 through May 31 as recommended by New York City Audubon or such other dates determined by an agency designated by the mayor.

b. For city-owned buildings, and buildings leased by the city in which the city is the only tenant, non-essential outdoor lighting shall be turned off between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during peak avian migration periods.

c. For buildings leased by the city, where the city is not the only tenant, the agency leasing such building shall use its best efforts to include a provision in such lease requiring that non-essential outdoor lighting be

turned off between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. during peak avian migration periods.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately, provided that it shall apply only to leases entered into on or after such date.

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