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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to community engagement with individuals who have limited internet access, and to repeal subdivision c of section 1069.2 of such charter relating to meetings of city agencies upon the expiration thereof

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 47 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1069.2 to read as follows:

§ 1069.2. Community engagement for individuals with limited internet access.

a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Community engagement. The term “community engagement” means focused interaction by an agency with members of the public, including conducting any survey, in a local community in the city for the purpose of better understanding the experiences and ideas of such members of the public.

Offline method. The term “offline method” means a method of community engagement that does not require a person to have internet access in order to receive information or otherwise participate. Such term includes, but is not limited to, the use of paper-based materials and in-person interactions.

b. Offline methods for community engagement. Whenever an agency is required by law to carry out community engagement, it shall do so using offline methods, in addition to any other methods the agency uses.

c. Exception. Subdivision b does not apply if an agency determines that the relevant population to be addressed by the community engagement does not include any individual with limited internet access.

d. Temporary exception for meetings. 1. This section does not apply with respect to any meeting of an

agency.

2. This subdivision expires and is deemed repealed on the date of the expiration of part E of chapter 417 of the laws of 2021.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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