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By Council Members Gerson, Comrie, Koppell, Reyna, Rivera, Clarke, Jackson, James and Reed

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York City, in relation to air quality control.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by adding a new section 24-154.1 to read as follows:

§24-154.1 Air quality monitoring in Lower Manhattan. 1. No later than thirty days after the effective date of this section the department shall begin monitoring air quality in areas south of fourteenth street, including but not limited to monitoring air quality in the vicinity of the following intersections: madison street and rutgers street; madison street and catherine street; james street and st. james place; mott street and pell street; east broadway and market street; east fifth street and first avenue; prince street and greene street; mercer street and bleecker street; laguardia place and third street; chambers street and north end avenue; south end avenue and albany street; trinity place and rector street; harrison street and greenwich street; pearl street and peck slip; and broadway and fulton street. The department shall monitor the level of asbestos, lead and other air quality measures as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the type of instruments to be used. The department shall prepare a monthly report on air quality in lower Manhattan, based upon the results gathered from the air quality monitoring conducted pursuant to this paragraph. The department shall deliver such report to the mayor, the city council and any community board, representing a community wholly or in part located south of fourteenth street, upon completion.

2. No later than thirty days after the effective date of this section the department shall begin conducting

weekly ground tests in all City parks included on the city map and located south of fourteenth street for the presence of asbestos, lead and other fiber, debris and toxic dust that is detrimental to public health as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the instruments to be used. The department shall prepare a monthly report on the results of the ground tests conducted pursuant to this paragraph. The department shall deliver such report to the mayor, the city council and any community board, representing a community wholly or in part located south of fourteenth street, upon completion.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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