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By the Speaker (Council Member Miller) and Council Members Gennaro, Addabbo, Baez, Brewer, Clarke, Fidler, Foster, Gerson, Koppell, Liu, Lopez, Martinez, Monserrate, Nelson, Palma, Quinn, Reed, Sanders, Stewart, Weprin, Jackson, Recchia Jr., Avella and The Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum)

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the creation of an energy office and public awareness city-wide of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding thereto a new §20 to read as follows:

§20. Office of Energy Policy. a. By January 1, 2005, there shall be, in the executive office of the mayor, an office of energy policy. The office shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the mayor.

b. Powers and duties. The director of the office of energy policy shall have the power and the duty to:

1. by September 1, 2005, develop a comprehensive energy policy for New York city,

which shall be reviewed annually and revised, as necessary;

2. beginning on September 1, 2005 and every two years thereafter, conduct an assessment of city-owned and leased facilities to determine their potential for energy efficiency improvements;

3. by September 1, 2005, develop and implement a city energy efficiency and conservation plan, which shall include measurable goals for reducing energy usage by city agencies and a plan and implementation schedule for meeting such goals, which shall be submitted to the speaker of the council, the public advocate and the comptroller immediately upon its completion;

4. develop and implement policies and programs designed to encourage fuel and

energy conservation and the use of alternatives to fossil fuels by the public and private sectors; and

5. develop and implement programs to enhance public awareness of activities that will promote fuel and energy efficiency and conservation.

c. Beginning January 1, 2006, and every January first thereafter, the director of the office of energy policy shall submit a report to the mayor, the speaker of the council, the public advocate and the comptroller, which shall detail the office of energy policy's progress in fulfilling each of the duties set forth in subdivision b of this section and information concerning its implementation of each of those duties.

§2. Subdivision 3 of Section 1301 of the New York city charter is amended to read as follows:

3. With respect to energy matters, the commissioner shall have the power and duty:

a. to assist in the planning, formulation, coordination and advancement of an [plan, formulate, coordinate and advance] energy policy for the city;

b. [to analyze the energy and fuel needs of the city with respect to all kinds of energy, to prepare intermediate and long-range plans, goals and programs designed to meet such needs, and to establish priorities among them;

c.] to develop, implement and manage, in coordination with the office of energy policy, energy-related programs for economic development and other purposes, including, without limitation, the administration of the public utility service established by section 22-301 of the administrative code, and to exercise all of the functions, powers and duties of such public utility service; and

[d] c. to perform such other responsibilities with respect to energy matters, including responsibilities delegated elsewhere by the charter, as the mayor shall direct.

§3. Subdivision g of Section 1403 of the New York city charter is amended to read as follows:

g. Energy conservation and alternative fuels. The commissioner shall participate in formulating an

energy policy for the city, including assessing the environmental costs and factors associated with all kinds of energy use and programs developed to meet energy needs. The commissioner shall, in coordination with the office of energy policy, study, establish, organize, promote, coordinate and carry out policies, activities, projects and programs designed to encourage fuel and energy conservation, alternate sources of fuel and energy and encourage, stimulate and [and] foster others to participate in such projects, programs and activities.

§4. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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