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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the creation of a comprehensive energy policy 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 section 20 to read as follows:

§20. Comprehensive energy policy. a. The mayor shall:

1. no later than September 1, 2007, develop a comprehensive energy policy for New York city, which shall address the energy and fuel needs of the city, in addition to energy efficiency and conservation. Such policy shall be reviewed and revised as necessary to achieve its goals, but in no event shall such review occur less often than once every three years;
2. beginning on September 1, 2007, and every three years thereafter, conduct an assessment of city-owned and leased facilities to determine their potential for energy efficiency and conservation improvements;
3. by September 1, 2007, 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; and
4. develop and implement policies and programs, including those to enhance public awareness, designed to encourage fuel and energy efficiency and conservation and the use of alternatives to fossil fuels by

the public and private sector.

b. Beginning September 1, 2008, and every September first thereafter, the mayor shall submit a report to the speaker of the council, the public advocate and the comptroller, which shall detail the progress made in fulfilling each of the provisions set forth in subdivision a of this section and information concerning their implementation.

§2. Subdivision 3 of section 1301 of chapter 56 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 mayor, 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 chapter 57 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

mayor, 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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