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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to requiring sight-seeing buses to submit operation plans.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new subdivisions e and f to section 20-373 to read as follows:

e. An applicant for an original or renewal of a sight-seeing bus license shall submit an operating plan to the commissioner detailing the proposed routes and days and times of operation of the sight-seeing bus. Within five days after the receipt of such operating plan, the commissioner shall forward a copy of such plan to the community board(s) and council member(s) in whose district(s) the sight-seeing bus would operate. The affected community boards and council members may submit comments regarding the operating plan to the commissioner within five days after receipt of the operating plan.

f. Before the commissioner approves an original or renewal of a sightseeing bus license, he or she shall review the sight-seeing bus' operating plan and consider its impact upon traffic, public safety and the number of sight-seeing buses that operate or would operate on the proposed route, among other things. If the commissioner identifies a potential adverse impact from the route or operating times proposed by the operating plan, the commissioner shall amend such operating plan with alternate routes and/or times to negate or minimize any such potential adverse impact. If the commissioner amends a sight-seeing bus' operating plan, such sight-seeing bus shall operate under the amended operating plan.

g. The owner of a sight-seeing bus that violates the terms of its operating plan required under this

section shall be fined no less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars for each offense.

The commissioner shall not renew the license of any sight-seeing bus with any outstanding unpaid fine.

§2. This local law shall take effect sixty days after it is enacted into law.

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