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By the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Louis, Restler, Hanif, Hudson and Gutiérrez (by request of the Queens Borough President)

A Local Law in relation to requiring the New York city housing authority to report on outside legal expenditures

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term “authority” means the New York city housing authority.

b. No later than April 1, 2023, and then in April and October of each year thereafter, the chair of the authority shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and make publicly available online, a report regarding outside legal expenditures, which shall include the following information, at a minimum:

1. For the April report, the amount of money that the authority allocated and expended on legal fees for legal counsel services not provided by in-house counsel during the months of July through December of the prior calendar year, disaggregated by each legal matter and each authority property named in such legal matter;

2. For the October report, the amount of money that the authority allocated and expended on legal fees for legal counsel services not provided by in-house legal counsel during the months of January through June of that calendar year, disaggregated by each legal matter and by each authority property named in such legal matter; and

3. For both the April and the October reports, a description of each instance in which the authority retained an outside law firm to provide it with legal counsel services, including:

(a) The name of such law firm that provided such services;

- (b) The scope of such services provided;
  - (c) The cause of action that the authority retained such law firm for;
  - (d) The total amount of money that the authority paid to such law firm for such services up to the last date of such reporting period;
  - (e) The date or timeframe during which such outside law firm provided or has been providing such services; and
  - (f) The dates that the authority approved any contract for such services.
- § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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