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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the evaluation of civil actions alleging improper conduct by the police department

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 7-114 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows

b. [No later than January 31, 2018 and no later than each July 31 and January 31 thereafter,] The law department shall, within 15 days of receipt of any information in paragraph (2) or (3), post on its website in a searchable and machine-readable format, and provide notice of such posting to the individual responsible for implementing the duties set forth in paragraph one of subdivision c of section 803 of the charter, the comptroller, the police department, the civilian complaint review board, and the commission to combat police corruption the following information regarding civil actions filed in state or federal court against the police department or individual police officers, or both, resulting from allegations of improper police conduct, including, but not limited to, claims involving the use of force, assault and battery, malicious prosecution, or false arrest or imprisonment:

1. a list of each civil action [actions] filed against the police department or individual police officers, or both, [during the five-year period preceding each January 1 or July 1 immediately preceding each report;]

2. for each such action: (i) the court in which the action was filed; (ii) the name of the law firm representing the plaintiff; (iii) the name of the law firm or agency representing each defendant; (iv) the date the

action was filed; and (v) whether the plaintiff alleged improper police conduct, including, but not limited to, claims involving use of force, assault and battery, malicious prosecution, or false arrest or imprisonment; and

3. if an action has been resolved: (i) the date on which it was resolved; (ii) the manner in which it was resolved; and (iii) whether the resolution included a payment to the plaintiff by the city and, if so, the amount of such payment.

§ 2. Section 7-114 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. No later than the first anniversary of the effective date of this law, and thereafter within 15 days of the end of each quarter of the calendar year, the law department shall provide the speaker of the council, the individual responsible for implementing the duties set forth in paragraph one of subdivision c of section 803 of the charter, the comptroller, the police department, the civilian complaint review board, and the commission to combat police corruption with a quarterly report on the (i) the number of new civil actions filed in state or federal court against police department or individual police officers, or both, resulting from allegations of improper conduct, and (ii) the number of civil actions that reached a disposition and the amount of restitution paid to plaintiffs by the city, disaggregated by the year in which the original civil complaint was filed in state or federal court.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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