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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the fire department to develop an informational campaign to educate the public on fire risks posed by powered mobility devices

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 15 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 15-147 to read as follows:

§ 15-147 Powered mobility device education and outreach. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “powered mobility device” means: (i) a bicycle with electric assist as defined in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law or any successor provision; (ii) an electric scooter as defined in section 114-e of the vehicle and traffic law or any successor provision; (iii) a motorized scooter as defined in section 19-176.2; or (iv) any other personal mobility device powered by a lithium-ion or other storage battery. The term does not include wheelchairs or other mobility devices designed for use by persons with disabilities, or any vehicle that is capable of being registered with the New York state department of motor vehicles.

b. The department, in consultation with the department of consumer and worker protection, shall develop an informational campaign to educate the public on the fire risks posed by powered mobility devices and safety measures that mitigate such risks. Such campaign shall address both commercial and personal use of powered mobility devices and include, but not be limited to, guidance on: (i) purchasing mobility devices and battery equipment that meet established fire safety standards; (ii) maintenance and care information for

powered mobility devices and lithium-ion batteries; and (iii) storage and charging precautions for powered mobility devices and lithium-ion batteries. Such campaign shall include, but not be limited to, the use of print, online and social media advertisements, public service announcements, and public forums.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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