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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating an archive of official government social media accounts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraphs e and f of subdivision 2 of section 3004 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 11 for the year 2003, are amended and a new paragraph g is added to read as follows:

e. collect, compile and maintain data and information pertaining to the operation of the city as well as other municipalities, governmental bodies and public authorities and arrange for the exchange, sale, purchase and loan of information materials from and with legislative and research services, libraries and institutions in other municipalities, governmental bodies and public authorities; [and]

f. ensure that each report, document, study or publication that is electronically transmitted to the department of records and information services pursuant to section 1133 of the charter is made available to the public on or through the website of the department, or its successor's website, within ten business days of publication, issuance, release or transmittal to the council or mayor[.]; and

g. maintain a publicly accessible and searchable online database that contains all publicly viewable content and metadata shared by an official government social media account.

§ 2. Section 3011 of the New York city charter is amended by adding new subdivisions 10 and 11 to read as follows:

10. “Social media platform” means a website or application that enables users to publish and share information.

11. “Official government social media account” means any account provided to the department of records and information services pursuant to section 23-202 of the administrative code.

§ 3. Chapter 2 of title 23 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 23-202 to read as follows:

§ 23-202 Official government social media accounts. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Elected official. The term “elected official” means the mayor, comptroller, public advocate, each borough president and each member of the council.

Social media platform. The term “social media platform” means a website or application that enables users to publish and share information.

b. No later than January 31 of each year, each agency, and the office of each elected official, shall provide to the department of records and information services a list of any account on a social media platform associated with such agency or elected official and identified as an official government account.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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