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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to public swimming pool locations and swimming lessons offered by the department of parks and recreation

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The department of parks and recreation shall conduct a survey of sites, owned by the city of New York in each borough, to determine which of those sites are suitable for the construction of public swimming pools, provided that surveyed sites located in environmental justice areas, as such term is defined in section 3-1001 of the administrative code of the city of New York, are prioritized for analysis. Such survey shall be submitted to the mayor and the speaker of the council by no later than July 1, 2024 and include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. The location of each surveyed site and a description of the city agency or office that owns such site or has jurisdiction over such site;
2. An analysis of the condition of each site and the feasibility of whether a public swimming pool can be constructed on such site;
3. For each site where it is determined that a public swimming pool can be constructed on such site, a description of the necessary steps associated with constructing such swimming pool, a determination on whether such site can accommodate more than one swimming pool or additional recreational or athletic facilities, an estimated length of time that would be needed to construct such swimming pool or facilities, and an estimate of the overall cost to do so.

§ 2. The department of parks and recreation, in consultation with the department of education, shall develop a plan to provide public access to suitable swimming pool facilities located in department of education buildings. Such plan shall be submitted to the mayor and the speaker of the council by no later than July 1, 2024.

§ 3. Title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-159 to read as follows:

§ 18-159 Swimming lessons at indoor pools. The department shall offer swimming lessons for children and adults, including persons with disabilities, at each indoor pool location under the jurisdiction of the commissioner. Such lessons shall be free of charge to residents of the city and shall be offered no less than three days per week.

§ 4. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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