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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to special activation of the Open Streets program on certain holidays and time periods with significant pedestrian traffic

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 19-107.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new definition of “special activation opportunity” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Special activation opportunity. The term “special activation opportunity” means a specially designated window of days or hours during which the department or a community organization may choose to operate an open street, outside of or in addition to regularly scheduled operations.

§ 2. Subparagraphs f and g of paragraph 1 of subdivision d of section 19-107.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 55 for the year 2021, are amended and a new subparagraph h is added to read as follows:

(f) Description of measures to facilitate use of the open street by people with disabilities; [and]

(g) Proposed plan for how to maintain emergency vehicle access and any staffing plans[.]; and

(h) Proposed days and hours of operation for special activation opportunities on certain holidays, with options to include Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Halloween, and other holidays or time periods with significant pedestrian traffic at the discretion of the department or the suggestion of applicants.

§ 3. Paragraph 2 of subdivision d of section 19-107.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 55 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2. The department shall offer a short-form application to renew the management of an open street. Such short-form application shall include an opportunity for an applicant to request any of the following: additional resources, traffic calming measures as specified in subdivision i, street furniture, accessibility improvements, special activation opportunities, or consideration of conversion of such street to a shared street.

§ 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision e of section 19-107.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 55 for the year 2021, is amended to read as follows:

e. Selection. In exercising its discretion to designate an open street or permit a special activation of an open street, the department shall consider the following factors:

§ 5. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of subdivision g of section 19-107.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law 55 for the year 2021, are amended and a new paragraph 8 is added to read as follows:

6. Procedures by which community organizations may create their own barriers, signage and street furniture that encourage sustainability and welcoming design, subject to the review and approval of the department; [and]

7. Procedures by which community organizations may expeditiously obtain permits related to programming on open streets[.]; and

8. Procedures by which community organizations may participate in or suggest new special activation opportunities, which shall include Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and Halloween, and may also be offered on other days at the discretion of the department.

§ 6. This local law takes effect 30 days after it becomes law.

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