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A Local Law to amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the office of nightlife to post information on its website for nightlife establishments, including resources and trainings about harassment among patrons

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision c of section 20-d of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 80 for the year 2020, is amended to read as follows:

c. Powers and duties. The director shall have the power and duty to:

1. Serve as a liaison to nightlife establishments in relation to city policies and procedures affecting the nightlife industry and, in such capacity, shall:

(a) Conduct outreach to nightlife establishments and provide information and assistance to such establishments in relation to existing city policies and procedures for responding to complaints, violations and other enforcement actions, and assist in the resolution of conditions that lead to enforcement actions;

(b) Serve as a point of contact for nightlife establishments and ensure adequate access to the office that is responsive to the nature of the nightlife industry; and

(c) Work with other city agencies to refer such establishments to city services that exist to help them in seeking to obtain relevant licenses, permits or approvals from city agencies;

2. Advise and assist the mayor and the heads of city agencies that have powers and duties relating to nightlife establishments including, but not limited to, the department of consumer and worker protection, the police department, the fire department, the department of health and mental hygiene, the department of city

planning, the department of buildings and the department of small business services, on issues relating to the nightlife industry;

3. Review information obtained from 311 or other city agencies on complaints regarding and violations issued to nightlife establishments and develop recommendations to address recurring problems or trends, in consultation with industry representatives, advocates, city agencies, community boards and residents;

4. Serve as the intermediary between city agencies, including law enforcement agencies, residents and the nightlife industry to pursue, through policy recommendations, long-term solutions to issues related to the nightlife industry;

5. Review and convey to the office of labor standards information relating to nightlife industry workforce conditions and upon request, assist such office in developing recommendations to address common issues or trends related to such conditions;

6. Promote an economically and culturally vibrant nightlife industry, while accounting for the best interests of the city and its residents; [and]

7. Provide information on the office's website for nightlife establishments including, but not limited to, resources and online trainings about harassment among patrons; and

[7.] 8. Perform other relevant duties as the mayor may assign.

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

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