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By Council Members Salaam, Restler and Louis

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on police department compliance with freedom of information law requests

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 33 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 33-202 to read as follows:

§ 33-202 Reporting on police department freedom of information law requests. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the term “FOIL request” means any request made with the police department under section 87 of the public officers law.

b. Report. No later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council and shall post on the department’s website an annual report regarding FOIL requests.

c. Requirements of the report. The annual report shall include:

1. A table in which each separate row references a unique FOIL request. Each such row shall include the following information, as well as any additional information the commissioner deems appropriate, set forth in separate columns:

(a) The date on which a FOIL request was filed;

(b) The general topic on which the FOIL request was made;

(c) The date on which the police department first responded to the FOIL request;

(d) The date on which materials responsive to the FOIL request would be due without any extensions;

(e) The number of extensions requested by the police department regarding the FOIL request;

(f) The date on which the police department issued a decision regarding the FOIL request;

(g) The date on which the FOIL request was appealed, if applicable;

(h) The decision on the appeal of the FOIL request, if applicable;

2. A qualitative analysis of the data described in paragraph 1 of this subdivision; and

3. Recommendations for how the police department may more expeditiously comply with section 87 of the public officers law.

d. Data dictionary. The report required by subdivision c of this section shall include a data dictionary.

e. Removal of personally identifiable information. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this section, no report required by subdivision c of this section shall contain personally identifiable information.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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