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By The Speaker (Council Member Adams), the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Cabán, Abreu, Hanif, De La Rosa, Restler, Brewer and Gutiérrez

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York city police department to provide the civilian complaint review board with direct access to officer body-worn camera footage and to establish related procedures

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 14 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 14-194.1 to read as follows:

§ 14-194.1 Body-worn camera footage for the civilian complaint review board. a. For the purpose of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Body-worn camera. The term “body-worn camera” has the same meaning as set forth in section 14-194.

Direct access. The term “direct access” means connectivity to a network server hosting digital material.

Remote user. The term “remote user” means an employee of the civilian complaint review board designated to view footage recorded by a body-worn camera.

b. The department shall provide any remote user with direct access to any footage recorded by a body-worn camera of the department. Such access shall be comparable to that granted to an employee of the internal affairs bureau of the department. Such access shall provide a remote user with the ability to: (i) access visual and audio recordings captured by body-worn cameras utilized by department personnel, except as otherwise limited by this section; (ii) conduct searches for specific footage based on keywords, dates, locations, or officer involved; and (iii) store and present body-worn camera footage as necessary to facilitate the investigation and adjudication of allegations of misconduct by the civilian complaint review board as authorized by chapter 18-A

of the charter.

c. Notwithstanding subdivision b of this section, the department shall not provide a remote user with direct access to any footage recorded by a body-worn camera of the department where state law prohibits the disclosure of such footage. Within 15 days of receiving a request from a remote user for any such footage, the department shall provide such remote user with a copy of such footage that has been redacted or modified to remove any personally identifying information or otherwise comply with state law, provided that, where the department is unable to provide any such footage within 15 days of receipt of such a request from a remote user, the department shall, within such 15 days, provide to such remote user a written explanation for the delay and the estimated date by which such footage will be provided.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on July 1, 2028.

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