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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring an annual report on the state of waterfront infrastructure

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 22-130.1 to read as follows:

§ 22-130.1 Report on waterfront infrastructure. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Contracted entity. The term "contracted entity" has the same meaning as in section 22-821.

Department. The term "department" means the department of small business services or any other such office or agency as the mayor shall designate to implement this section.

Urban agriculture. The term "urban agriculture" means structures dedicated to the cultivation of food crops for human consumption.

Waterfront infrastructure. The term "waterfront infrastructure" means any infrastructure owned or leased by the city in, above, or immediately adjacent to the waterfront, including but not limited to, piers, bulkheads, urban agriculture, and aquaculture in, above, or immediately adjacent to the waterfront.

b. By July 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, the department shall submit an inventory report to the mayor and the city council regarding the state of waterfront infrastructure in the city and identifying unused land that is suitable for the installation of new waterfront infrastructure. When developing this report, the department shall consult or seek input from a contracted entity and the department of environmental protection; and may

consult or seek input from any other relevant persons.

c. The report required by subdivision b of this section shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. The location and size of unused land owned or leased by the city on which waterfront infrastructure is located, or on which waterfront infrastructure could be built;

2. An evaluation of the structural integrity of existing waterfront infrastructure, and whether any of such infrastructure is in need of repairs or replacement to continue to perform their function;

3. The feasibility of implementing urban agriculture or aquaculture in, above, or immediately adjacent to the waterfront; and

4. The location of facilities providing access to, or facilitating, the recreational use of the city's waterfront infrastructure by the public, whether any of such facilities are in need of repairs or replacement to continue to perform their function, and whether new facilities are required to perform such function.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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