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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a plan regarding security perimeters adjacent to places of religious worship

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-187 to read as follows:

§ 10-187 Plan regarding security perimeters adjacent to places of religious worship. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Interference. The term "interference" means restricting an individual's freedom of movement.

Intimidation. The term "intimidation" means placing an individual in reasonable fear of physical harm to themselves or to another individual.

Physical obstruction. The term "physical obstruction" means rendering ingress to or egress from a place of religious worship impassable, or unreasonably difficult or hazardous.

Place of religious worship. The term "place of religious worship" means a building, structure, or place that is used primarily for religious or divine worship or assembly.

b. No later than 45 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the police commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a proposed plan to address and contain the risk of physical obstruction, physical injury, intimidation, and interference, while preserving and protecting

the rights to free speech, assembly, and protest, at places of religious worship through the use of security perimeters, in accordance with subdivision d, at entrances to, and exits from, such places of religious worship, including parking lots or driveways of such places of religious worship.

c. No later than 90 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the police commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the police department's website, a final plan.

d. The proposed and final plans shall include considerations to be used by the police department in connection with:

1. Deciding whether and when to use a security perimeter at entrances to, and exits from, a place of religious worship, including the duration of such a security perimeter;

2. Determining the extent of such a security perimeter, as measured from entrances to, and exits from, a place of religious worship;

3. Implementing such a security perimeter, including steps taken by the police department to ensure that such a perimeter neither curtails rights to free speech, assembly, or protest nor impedes emergency access to, or egress from, a place of religious worship, including but not limited to access or egress by emergency personnel;

4. Engaging and communicating with clergy and administrators of a place of religious worship, while carrying out the actions set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this subdivision, in order to understand their relevant needs and concerns; and

5. Engaging and communicating with the public and individuals seeking to assemble or protest at, or to enter and exit from, places of religious worship, while carrying out the actions set forth in paragraphs 1 through 3 of this subdivision, in order to understand their relevant needs and concerns.

e. In the final plan, the police commissioner shall provide to the general public a point of contact for the department regarding the final plan.

f. Nothing in this section shall be construed or interpreted to infringe upon rights granted under the

national labor relations act or the labor law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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