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A Local Law in relation to a master plan for the redevelopment of Rikers Island for sustainability and resiliency purposes

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section:

The terms “capital project,” “scope of project,” “proposed scope of project,” and “cost” have the same meanings as set forth in section 210 of the New York city charter.

The term “departmental estimate” has the same meaning as set forth in section 212 of the New York city charter.

b. No later than July 1, 2027, the department of citywide administrative services shall submit to the mayor and to the speaker of the council a master plan for the redevelopment of Rikers Island for sustainability and resiliency purposes. Such master plan shall include, but need not be limited to, use of Rikers Island for wastewater treatment, renewable energy generation and storage, off-shore wind converter stations, and composting and organic waste processing. Such master plan shall contain a proposed capital project plan, estimated implementation timeline if such master plan were implemented, and detailed estimate of the costs to design or construct and maintain each proposed capital project. In addition, such master plan shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

1. For each proposed capital project, a preliminary scope of project that conforms to the standards and limits set out under section 221 of the New York city charter;

2. For each proposed capital project, a recommendation as to whether such proposed capital project should be included in the relevant agency's departmental estimate for the ensuing fiscal year;

3. A proposed schedule for the preparation and acquisition of all necessary land use approvals and environmental reviews;

4. The proposed sources of funding for each proposed project, including estimated expenditures for each fiscal year until its completion;

5. An evaluation of any alterations to the surface elevation of Rikers Island that may be necessary to accommodate the proposed projects;

6. An evaluation of how renewable energy infrastructure or battery storage can be co-located with wastewater resource recovery facilities, composting facilities, and any other proposed projects; and

7. An evaluation of the electric infrastructure capacity and ability to transmit power from Rikers Island into the electric grid, including potential points of interconnection and related costs and the potential need to add transmission capacity.

c. In preparing the master plan, the department of citywide administrative services shall consult with the department of environmental protection, the office of long-term planning and sustainability, the department of city planning, the department of design and construction, the office of management and budget, the mayor's office of contract services, the Rikers Island advisory committee as established pursuant to subdivision b of section 4-215 of the administrative code of the city of New York, and any other city agency, office, or entity that may aid or influence the siting, planning, construction or maintenance of each proposed project.

d. No fewer than 60 days prior to submitting a master plan to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and in any event no later than May 2, 2027, the commissioner of citywide administrative services shall publish a draft master plan on the department of citywide administrative services' website and accept public comment on such master plan. The commissioner of citywide administrative services shall consider such public comments prior to the submission of a final master plan to the mayor and the speaker of the council.

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§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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