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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring the commissioner of the Office of Emergency Management to create rules and regulations regarding weather emergencies.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new title 30, and new sections 30-101 and 30-102 to read as follows:

Title 30. Emergency Management.

Chapter 1. Office of Emergency Management.

§30-101. Definitions. As used in this title the following term shall have the following meaning:

a. New York City Office of Emergency Management shall have the same meaning given in section 495 of the New York City Charter.

b. “Office” shall mean the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

§30-102. Rules regarding Weather Emergencies.

a. The commissioner, or his designee, shall promulgate rules detailing what actions the office shall take, including the other city agencies the office will contact and with which the office will consult, when the National Weather Service predicts that certain weather conditions will affect the city. These weather conditions shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Winter Storm Outlook;

2. Blizzard Watch;

3. Winter Storm Watch;

4. Blizzard Warning;

5. Winter Storm Warning;

6. Winter Weather Advisory;

7. Blowing Snow Advisory;

8. Heavy Snow Warning;

9. Snow Advisory;

10. Freezing Rain Advisory;

11. Ice Storm Warning;

12. Heat Advisory;

13. Heat Wave;

14. Excessive Heat Watch;

15. Excessive Heat Warning;

16. Nor'easter;

17. Tropical Cyclone;

18. Tropical Depression;

19. Tropical Storm;

20. Tropical Storm Watch;

21. Tropical Storm Warning;

22. Hurricane;

23. Hurricane Watch;

24. Hurricane Warning; and

25. Storm Surge.

b. Pursuant to subdivision (g) of section 15 of chapter 1 of the New York City Charter, the actions taken

pursuant to the rules promulgated under subdivision (a) of this section, including the city agencies contacted and consulted, for the weather conditions enumerated in paragraphs one through eleven of subdivision (a) of this section, shall be reported to the Council and the Mayor as part of the annual report.

§2. This local law shall take effect on the same day as the local law amending the New York City Charter relating to the annual snow preparedness and response report.

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