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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing an annual snow preparedness and response report.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 30 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 30-103 to read as follows:

§ 30-103 Annual snow preparedness and response report.

a. For purposes of this subdivision, the term “snow event” shall mean any snowfall equal to or in excess of six inches within a period of twenty-four hours in any of the five boroughs based on the department of sanitation's measurements.

b. No later than November fifteenth, two thousand eleven, and on or before every November fifteenth thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the council and make available to the public on the city’s website a report describing the city’s preparation for and response to all snow events during the preceding twelve-month period. Such report shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) a list of all snow events during the reporting period;

(2) a list of all city and state agencies or offices and private entities that acted on behalf of the city that were involved in snow event preparation and response, including a description of the responsibilities of each such agency, office or entity. Such agencies or offices, if involved in such preparation or response, shall include, but need not be limited to, the department of education, office of emergency management, department

of environmental protection, fire department, office of the chief medical examiner, department of parks and recreation, police department, department of sanitation, department of transportation and to the extent information is available, the state office of emergency management, New York city housing authority, metropolitan transportation authority and port authority of New York and New Jersey;

(3) an assessment of the performance of each such agency or office for each snow event during the reporting period, including an assessment of interagency coordination;

(4) a list of any snow-related emergency warnings or declarations issued by the city or state during the reporting period and actions taken pursuant to each such warning or declaration; and

(5) recommendations for improving city snow event preparation and response including, but not limited to, revisions to snow management plans and other relevant protocols of any city agency or office.

c. No later than November fifteenth two thousand twelve and every November fifteenth thereafter, the report required pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall include:

(1) an inventory of all city-owned snow management equipment and resources that were used during any snow event;

(2) an inventory of privately-owned snow management equipment and resources used by the city during any snow event, an assessment of how such equipment and resources were deployed and overseen by city agencies or offices and strategies, contracts or agreements used to ensure that such snow management equipment and resources were available to the city; and

(3) the number of individuals who registered with the city to work during any snow event, and assessment on how such individuals were deployed and overseen by city agencies or offices and strategies, contracts or agreements used to ensure that such individuals were available to the city.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment into law.

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