



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PRECONSIDERED INTRO.

COMMITTEE: Consumer Affairs

TITLE: To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to sound reproduction devices on sight-seeing buses.

Sponsor: Brewer

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation would require open-air sight-seeing buses to be equipped with headphone-limited sound reproduction systems in accordance with the following schedule:

1. By July 1, 2011 no less than ten percent of each fleet;
2. By July 1, 2012 no less than forty percent of each fleet;
3. By July 1, 2013 no less than sixty percent of each fleet;
4. By July 1, 2014 no less than eighty percent of each fleet;
5. By July 1, 2015, every open-air sightseeing bus in each licensee’s fleet shall be equipped with a headphone-limited sound reproduction system.

Compliance with this schedule would be determined by inspection of each sight-seeing bus by an agency determined by the Mayor. The commissioner would not issue a new license to a sight-seeing bus unless it is equipped with a headphone-limited sound reproduction system. Violations of this section would be punishable by fines of between \$200 and \$750 per day for each open-air sight-seeing bus found to be in non-compliance. Additionally, the commissioner may suspend the licenses for each bus found to be in non-compliance until compliance is complete. On April 1, 2016, any open-air sight-seeing bus not equipped with a headphone-limited sound reproduction system would not be permitted to renew a license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect thirty days after it would have been enacted into law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2010

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY10	FY Succeeding Effective FY11	Full Fiscal Impact FY10
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: There is a potential impact on revenues through the collection of fines resulting from the enactment of this legislation. However, there is no way to estimate the actual impact at this time.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this Preconsidered Intro.

legislation.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: City Council Finance Division

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HISTORY: A hearing was held on this Preconsidered Item by the Committee on Consumer Affairs on April 12, 2010 and the item was laid over. This legislation will be considered by the Committee on Consumer Affairs on April 28, 2010 and introduced and considered by the full Council on April 29, 2010.