

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number:

- INT 1454-2025

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title:

- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to testing and remediating PFAS chemicals in firehouse drinking water
- Submitted by:
- Council Member Joann Ariola
- Justification

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or “PFAS,” are chemicals associated with increased risks of adverse health effects. This bill would require the fire department, in conjunction with the department of environmental protection, to test drinking water from all fixtures used for drinking water in firehouses to determine the levels of PFAS chemicals present. If elevated levels of PFAS chemicals are detected, the fire department would be responsible for remediation. The commissioner of the fire department would also be required to report the results of the PFAS testing and remediation.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.