Int. No. 1959

By Council Member Rodriguez, (in conjunction with the Manhattan and Brooklyn Borough Presidents), the Public Advocate (Mr. Williams) and Council Members Ampry-Samuel, Gennaro, Koo and Louis

..Title

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the establishment of an office of sports recreation and the repeal of chapter 21-A of such charter relating to the New York city sports commission

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 21-A of the New York city charter is REPEALED.

§ 2. Chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 20-j to read as follows:

§ 20-j Office of sports recreation. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section the following terms have the following meanings:

Director. The term “director” means the director of sports recreation.

Office. The term “office” means the office of sports recreation.

b. The mayor shall establish an office of sports recreation. Such office may be established within any office of the mayor or as a separate office or within any agency. Such office shall be headed by a director of sports recreation, who shall be appointed by the mayor or, if the office is established within an agency other than the office of the mayor, by the head of such agency.

c. Powers and duties. The director shall have the power and duty to:

1. Consult with the official marketing, tourism and partnership organization for the city to promote the city as a base for professional sports teams;

2. Make recommendations for the growth of professional, amateur and scholastic sports recreation;

3. Coordinate sports initiatives and agendas with other agencies, including but not limited to, the department of education and the department of parks and recreation;

4. Work to provide access to sports-related opportunities for students and promote the role of sports in education and recreation;

5. Develop a plan, in conjunction with other agencies, for providing sports recreation;

6. Promote a robust sports recreation program to further the city’s interests in health, education and economic growth, while accounting for the best interests of the city and its residents; and

7. Perform such other relevant duties as the mayor may assign.

d. Report. No later than 18 months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and annually thereafter, the director shall submit to the mayor, the speaker of the council and, if the office is established within an agency other than the office of the mayor, the head of such agency and publish on its website, a report that shall include, but need not be limited to, the activities of the office, information received by the office and any recommendations for legislation or policy developed by the director pursuant to this section.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law. The mayor and any affected agency may take any steps necessary for the implementation of this local law before such effective date.

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