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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to an office of interagency tourism affairs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

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

§ 20-h. Office of interagency tourism affairs. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “director” means the director of the office of interagency tourism affairs.

b. The mayor shall establish an office of interagency tourism affairs. Such office may, but need not, be established in the executive office of the mayor and may be established as a separate office or within any other office of the mayor or within any department the head of which is appointed by the mayor. Such office shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the mayor or head of such department.

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

1. Establish a system to receive public comments and questions with respect to tourism, including, but not limited to, establishing and publicizing the availability of a telephone number to receive such comments and questions;

2. Relay comments and questions to the respective agencies with which such matters would normally be filed;

3. Establish a system to communicate with agencies and stakeholders who are affected by events in the tourism industry;

4. Where appropriate, coordinate communication between agencies and aid in the resolution of interagency matters, including matters relating to transportation, quality of life and other safety-related matters, and workforce development to support the industry.

d. Report. Beginning January 1, 2020, and on the first day of each calendar quarter thereafter, the office of interagency tourism affairs shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report related to the responsibilities of the office, including but not limited to:

1. The number of comments and questions received by the office and a description of such comments and questions;

2. The average time taken to respond to such communications;

3. A description of any response efforts taken; and

4. A five-year plan for the growth and sustainability of the tourism industry in the city of New York.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, provided that the administering agency may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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