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A Local Law in relation to a study and report on the ownership and maintenance of utility poles

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. a. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

Utility pole. The term “utility pole” means a column or pole that is used to support overhead electrical, telephone or cable wires.

b. Study and report. The mayor shall designate an office or agency to study the ownership and maintenance of utility poles. No later than 6 months after the effective date of this local law, such office or agency shall submit to the council a report detailing its recommendations on increasing transparency regarding the ownership of utility poles in the city and improving maintenance of such poles. Such report shall, at a minimum:

1. Identify the locations of all utility poles in the city and the owner of each utility pole;
2. Provide methods to the public for contacting owners of utility poles in order to report problems with their utility poles; and
3. Recommend actions by the city to improve maintenance of utility poles, including inspection and identification of poorly maintained utility poles, communicating best practices to the owners of utility poles and reporting on when maintenance is performed on each utility pole.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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