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Int. No. 603

By Council Members Abreu, Brewer, Restler, Nurse, Gutiérrez, Sanchez and Holden (by request of the Manhattan Borough President)

A Local Law in relation to studying the feasibility of implementing solar-ready measures for commercial buildings

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. As used in this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Commercial building. The term "commercial building" has the same meaning as set forth in sections C202 and R202 of the 2020 New York city energy conservation code.

Solar power. The term "solar power" means the use of the sun's energy either directly, as thermal

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energy, or through the use of photovoltaic cells in solar panels and transparent photovoltaic glass, to generate

electricity.

Solar-ready measures. The term "solar-ready measures" means any measures incorporated into building

design and construction that are designed to permit the building to install photovoltaic cells in solar panels and

transparent photovoltaic glass, or to incorporate other means of utilizing solar power, even if the installation

does not occur at the time of construction.

Use and occupancy classification. The term "use and occupancy classification" means any use and

occupancy classifications set forth in chapter 3 of the New York city building code.

§ 2. Feasibility study on the implementation of solar-ready measures for commercial buildings. The

commissioner of buildings, in consultation with the commissioner of environmental protection, the fire

commissioner, and the commissioners of any other relevant agency, shall conduct a feasibility study on the

implementation of solar-ready measures for commercial buildings. Such feasibility study shall:

1. Evaluate the utility of implementing solar-ready measures in commercial buildings;

2. Identify any barriers to implementing solar-ready measures in commercial buildings;

3. Identify any type of commercial building by use and occupancy classification that could incorporate

solar-ready measures; and

4. Assess the estimated costs of requiring solar-ready measures in commercial buildings

that can incorporate such measures.

§ 3. Within 12 months after this local law takes effect, the commissioner of buildings shall submit to the

mayor and the speaker of the council a report with the results of the feasibility study.

§ 4. This local law takes effect immediately and remains in effect until the commissioner of buildings

has submitted to the mayor and the speaker of the council a report with the results of the feasibility study.

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