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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring reporting on the features and condition of public bathrooms

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-159 to read as follows:

§ 18-159 Reporting on public bathrooms. a. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the term “public bathroom” means a bathroom open to the public that is located on land owned by the city or which is operated or maintained by an agency.

b. No later than six months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and every six months thereafter, the department, in collaboration with the department of transportation and any other agency that operates or maintains a public bathroom, shall inspect all public bathrooms in the city and issue a report on the findings of such inspections. Such report shall be delivered to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and the information reported shall be made available on the city open data web portal. Such report shall include, for each public bathroom in the city:

1. The location of such public bathroom;
2. The number of sinks, toilets, and changing tables;
3. The condition and functionality of each such feature and of the walls, ceiling, doors and lighting;
4. The general level of cleanliness of such public bathroom;

5. Whether such public bathroom complies with applicable accessibility requirements; and

6. Any other feature of such public bathroom the department deems relevant.

c. The department, or another agency designated by the mayor, shall maintain a website listing all public bathrooms in the city. The website shall provide the information for each public bathroom that is provided in the report pursuant to subdivision b and such information shall be updated every time a new report is issued.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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