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Subject: Council bills pertaining to WTC site



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At yesterday's Task Force meeting, we learned about 3 bills that have been introduced in the City Council relating to the WTC site (Health, Transportation, and Environmental Protection - see attached). I will share information on their status when I get it.

-Lee

Int. No. 164

By Council Members Gerson, Comrie, Koppell, Reyna and Rivera; also Council Members Clarke and Jackson

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York City, in relation to air quality control.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by adding a new section 24-154.1 to read as follows:

24-154.1 Air quality monitoring in Lower Manhattan. 1. No later than thirty days after the effective date of this section the department shall begin monitoring air quality in areas south of fourteenth street, including but not limited to monitoring air quality in the vicinity of the following intersections: madison street and rutgers street; madison street and catherine street; james street and st. james place; mott street and pell street; east broadway and market street; east fifth street and first avenue; prince street and greene street; mercer street and bleecker street; laguardia place and third street; chambers street and north end avenue; south end avenue and albany street; trinity place and rector street; harrison street and greenwich street; pearl street and peck slip; and broadway and fulton street. The department shall monitor the level of asbestos, lead and other air quality measures as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the type of instruments to be used. The department shall prepare a monthly report on air quality in lower Manhattan, based upon the results gathered from the air quality monitoring conducted pursuant to this paragraph. The department shall deliver such report to the mayor, the city council and any community board, representing a community wholly or in part located south of fourteenth street, upon completion.

2. No later than thirty days after the effective date of this section the department shall begin conducting weekly ground tests in all City parks included on the city map and located south of fourteenth street for the presence of asbestos, lead and other fiber, debris and toxic dust that is detrimental to public health as determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall determine the instruments to be used. The department shall prepare a monthly report on the results of the ground tests conducted pursuant to this paragraph. The department shall deliver such report to the mayor, the city council and any community board, representing a community wholly or in part located south of fourteenth street, upon completion.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Int. No. 165

By Council Members Gerson, Avella, Comrie, Koppell, Martinez, Nelson, Serrano, Vann and Weprin; also Council Members Clarke, Quinn and Jackson

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing an analysis of the effect of the World Trade Center attacks on public health.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by adding a new section 17-112.1 to read as follows:

17-112.1 Monitoring the effect of the World Trade Center attacks on the health of Lower Manhattan residents, workers and schoolchildren. Commencing six months after the effective date of this section and every six months thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and the city council a report summarizing the effect of the attacks on the World Trade Center, which occurred on September 11, 2001, on the health of individuals who reside, work or attend school south of 14th Street. The report shall include but not be limited to the effect on cardiopulmonary, respiratory and auto-immune health and the presence of any clusters of health conditions related thereto.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Int. No. 166

By Council Members Gerson, Comrie, Martinez and Recchia; also Council Members Clarke, Quinn and Jackson

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the transportation, conveyance or removal of materials, waste and debris from Ground Zero, the site of the former World Trade Center.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 16 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by adding a new section 16-117.2 to read as follows:

§ 16-117.2 Transportation, conveyance or removal of materials, waste and debris to and from Ground Zero, the site of the former World Trade Center. 1. The transportation, conveyance or removal of any materials, waste or debris to and from Ground Zero, the site of the former World Trade Center, upon city streets shall only take place between 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 12:00 a.m. (midnight) on weekends and legal holidays.

2. No materials, waste or debris shall be transported, conveyed or removed from Ground Zero, the site of the former World Trade Center, in a non-airtight container unless, prior to transport, conveyance or removal, such materials, waste or debris is saturated with water sufficient to prevent all visible emissions of dust into the air.

3. Nothing in this section shall affect the recovery and transport of human remains.

4. The commissioner shall promulgate rules in accordance with this section.

5. Any person that fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars as determined by the commissioner.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.