CITY NEWS

In January 2015, the following bills became law: 1) Introductory Bill #491, to amend sex designation on birth records, Local Law 1, 2) Introductory Bill #492-A, relates to reporting and an advisory board on gender marker change requirement, Local Law 2, 3) Introductory Bill #530, to authorize an increase in the amount to be expended annually in ten business improvement districts, Local Law 3, 4) Introductory Bill #550-A, to conform the New York city energy conservation code to the New York state energy code with amendments unique to construction in the city and repealing section 28-1001.2 in relation thereto, Local Law 4, 5) Introductory Bill #55-A, to regulate pet shops, Local Law 5, 6) Introductory Bill #73-A, to update the definition of "pet shop" within the animal abuse registration act, Local Law 6, 7) Introductory Bill #136-A, relating to the spaying, neutering and licensing of animals sold in pet shops, Local Law 7, 8) Introductory Bill #146-A, to microchip animals sold in pet shops, Local Law 8, 9) Introductory Bill #358-A, to regulate social adult daycare, Local Law 9, and 10) Introductory Bill #588, relating to the date of submission by the mayor of a preliminary management report and the date prior to which the council shall conduct public hearings and the date by which the council shall submit a report or reports pertaining to the date of submission by the director of management and budget and the director of city planning of a draft ten-year capital strategy, Local Law 10.

Council

On January 7, 2015, the New York City Council unanimously, 49-0, passed Introductory Bill #489-B, relating to notices of violation returnable to the environmental control board and to repeal subparagraph (j) of paragraph one of subdivision d of section 1049-a of the New York city charter, relating to the execution of environmental control board judgments by sheriffs.

CITY RULES

- The Environmental Control Board proposed an amendment to the Department of Transportation’s penalty schedule. The amendment would increase the penalty for failure to provide adequate protection at worksites for pedestrians and vehicles from $400 to $1,200, and raise the default penalty from $1,200 to $3,600.
- The Taxi & Limousine Commission proposed a new rule that would require all TLC-licensed vehicles to display a sticker advising passengers that assaulting the driver is punishable by up to 25 years in prison. The rule would also require all TLC Official Taxicab Vehicles to display a sticker advising passengers that all OTV’s are equipped with a Hearing Induction Loop.
- The Department of Housing Preservation and Development adopted rules to implement Local Law 45 of 2014, also known as the Tenants’ Bill Of Rights. The rules require the posting of a notice in multiple dwellings regarding the availability of a housing information guide for tenants and owners.
- The Department of Sanitation adopted a rule governing when solid waste may be placed on the curb for collection. Persons receiving DSNY collection may place their waste for collection no earlier than 4:00 PM on the day before scheduled collection. Commercial establishments receiving private collection after the establishment closes may set out their waste within one hour of closing, and no earlier than two hours before the scheduled collection time if collection happens when the establishment is open.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Committee on Finance

Int 612 - By Council Member Ferreras, Menchaca, Torres, and Williams - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the sale of tax liens.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor

Julissa Ferreras, Chairperson

Deferred

Committee on Environmental Protection


Int 451 – By Council Members Richards, Arroyo, Constantinides, King, Levin, Cohen and Rodriguez - A Local Law - to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of biodiesel fuel in marine craft owned or operated by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor

Donovan Richards, Jr., Chairperson

Committee on Health jointly with the Committee on Women’s Issues

Oversight – Examining the City’s Effort to Prevent the Human Papillomavirus and Decrease Risk for Cancer

Res 531 - By The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) and Council Members Cumbo and Johnson - Resolution recognizing January as Cervical Health Awareness Month in New York City.

Res 532 - By The Speaker (Council Member Mark-Viverito) and Council Members Cumbo and Johnson - Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass legislation permitting health care practitioners to provide treatment to youth for the prevention of human papillomavirus, a common virus that can cause cancer.

Committee Room – City Hall

Corey Johnson, Chairperson

Laurie Cumbo, Chairperson

Monday, January 12, 2015

Committee on Transportation

Int 47 - By Council Member Cabrera - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to removing the off-street parking requirement for base station licenses.

Int 556 - By Council Members Greenfield, Arroyo, Crowley, Gentle, Koo, Koslowitz and Mendez - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting for hire vehicles from charging excessive rates.

Int 559 - By Council Members Rodriguez, Dromm, Espinal, Ferreras and Vacca - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to agreements between livery base stations.

Int 615 - By Council Member Rodriguez - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to allowing the taxi and limousine commission to consider improved trouble lights for use in licensed vehicles.

Council Chambers – City Hall

Ydanis Rodriguez, Chairperson

Subcommittee on Senior Centers

Oversight - Examining DFTA’s Senior Center RFP Process and Criteria for Subcontracted Senior Center Services

Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor

Paul Vallone, Chairperson
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Subcommittee on Zoning & Franchises ................................................................. 9:30 a.m.

See Land Use Calendar
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor Mark Weprin, Chairperson

Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting & Maritime Uses ......................... 11:00 a.m.

See Land Use Calendar
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor Peter Koo, Chairperson

Subcommittee on Planning, Dispositions & Concessions .................................. 1:00 p.m.

See Land Use Calendar
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor Inez Dickens, Chairperson

Committee on Environmental Protection ......................................................... 1:00 p.m.


Int 451 - By Council Members Richards, Arroyo, Constantinides, King, Levin, Cohen and Rodriguez - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the use of biodiesel fuel in marine craft owned or operated by the department of environmental protection.
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor Donovan Richards, Jr., Chairperson

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Committee on General Welfare .......................................................................... 10:00 a.m.

Oversight – EarlyLearn NYC
Council Chambers – City Hall Stephen Levin, Chairperson

Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries &
International Intergroup Relations ......................................................... 1:00 p.m.
Agenda to be announced
Council Chambers – City Hall James Van Bramer, Chairperson

Thursday, January 15, 2015

Committee on Finance ................................................................................... 10:00 a.m.
Agenda to be announced
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor Julissa Ferreras, Chairperson

Committee on Land Use .............................................................................. 11:00 a.m.
All items reported out of the subcommittees
AND SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE NECESSARY
Committee Room – City Hall David G. Greenfield, Chairperson

Monday, January 19, 2015

Martin Luther King Jr.
Holiday Observed

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Committee on Housing and Buildings ............................................................... 10:00 a.m.

Oversight – Short Term Rentals – Stimulating the Economy or Destabilizing Neighborhoods?
Council Chambers – City Hall Jumaane D. Williams, Chairperson
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 (Cont.)

Committee on Parks and Recreation ......................................................... 1:00 p.m.
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor Mark Levine, Chairperson

Committee on Youth Services ................................................................. 1:00 p.m.
Oversight - Culturally Competent Afterschool Programs: Exploring how culturally and linguistically competent afterschool programs benefit youth.
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor Mathieu Eugene, Chairperson

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Committee on Technology ....................................................................... 10:00 a.m.
Agenda to be announced
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor James Vacca, Chairperson

* Deferred
Committee on Higher Education ............................................................. 10:00 a.m.
Agenda to be announced
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 16th Floor Inez Barron, Chairperson

Committee on General Welfare ............................................................... 1:00 p.m.
Oversight – Homelessness and the Implementation of the Living in Communities (LINC) Program
Res 503 - By Council Members Levin, Chin, Eugene, Gibson and Mendez - Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A.2819, which would establish a hospitality gift fund for the homeless.
Committee Room – City Hall Stephen Levin, Chairperson

Committee on Governmental Operations ................................................. 1:00 p.m.
Agenda to be announced
Committee Room – 250 Broadway, 14th Floor Ben Kallos, Chairperson

* Note Topic and Committee Addition
Committee on Small Business jointly with the
Committee on Veterans ........................................................................ 1:00 p.m.
Oversight – Supporting Veteran-Owned Businesses and Promoting Veteran Entrepreneurship
Committee Room – City Hall Robert Cornegy, Chairperson

Thursday, January 22, 2015

Stated Council Meeting .............................................. Ceremonial Tributes – 1:00 p.m.
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RULES & REGULATIONS INDEX
Proposed or Finalized in 2015

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

PROPOSED RULE
ECB PROPOSES AMENDMENT TO TRANSPORTATION PENALTY SCHEDULE, The Environmental Control Board proposed an amendment to the Department of Transportation's penalty schedule. The amendment would increase the penalty for failure to provide adequate protection at worksites for pedestrians and vehicles from $400 to $1,200, and raise the default penalty from $1,200 to $3,600. Amends 48 RCNY §3-124. City Record, Jan. 12, 2015, at 111.

HOUSING PRESERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

FINAL RULE
HPD ADOPTS RULES ON TENANTS' BILL OF RIGHTS, The Department of Housing Preservation and Development adopted rules to implement Local Law 45 of 2014, also known as the Tenants' Bill Of Rights. The rules require the posting of a notice in multiple dwellings regarding the availability of a housing information guide for tenants and owners. Adds 28 RCNY § 46. City Record, Jan. 9, 2015, at 91.

SANITATION

FINAL RULE
DSNY ADOPTS RULES ON CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTION TIMES, The Department of Sanitation adopted a rule governing when solid waste may be placed on the curb for collection. Persons receiving DSNY collection may place their waste for collection no earlier than 4:00 PM on the day before scheduled collection. Commercial establishments receiving private collection after the establishment closes may set out their waste within one hour of closing, and no earlier than two hours before the scheduled collection time if collection happens when the establishment is open. Adds 16 RCNY §1-02.1. City Record, Jan. 15, 2015, at 181.

TAXI & LIMOUSINE

PROPOSED RULE
TLC PROPOSES RULE ON VEHICLE ADVISORY STICKERS, The Taxi & Limousine Commission proposed a new rule that would require all TLC-licensed vehicles to display a sticker advising passengers that assaulting the driver is punishable by up to 25 years in prison. The rule would not apply to drivers of black cars or luxury limousines. The rule would also require all TLC Official Taxicab Vehicles to display a sticker advising passengers that all OTV’s are equipped with a Hearing Induction Loop. Adds 35 RCNY §§58-32(i)(r), 58-32(j)(s), 59A-29(l), 59A-29(m), 59B-29(n), 59B-29(o), 60A-28(h), 60A-28(m), 60B-28(g), 60B-28(h), 61A-27(g), 61A-27(h), 61B-27(g), 61B-27(h), 82-33(l)(n), 82-33(l)(o); Amends 35 RCNY §51-03. City Record, Jan. 16, 2015, at 181.
Relates to early voting in municipal elections.

**Int.594 - Kallos**
Relates to prohibiting hydraulic fracturing in New York City.

**Int.595 - Lander**
Relates to establishing a public library commission.

**Int.596 - Richards**
Relates to requiring a study and mitigation of the impacts of methane gas emissions on city trees.

**Int.597 - Torres**
Relates to car sharing in the city fleet.

**Int.598 - Torres**
Relates to inspections, reinspections and penalties concerning violations relating to rodents.

**Int.599 - Vacca**
Relates to posting of information and warnings regarding anabolic steroids and human growth hormone in locker rooms.

**Int.600 - Vallone**
Relates to requiring the reporting of veterans receiving agency services.

**Int.601 - Vallone**
Relates to the regulation of the use of unmanned aerial vehicles in city airspace.

**Int.602 - Vallone**
Relates to the suspension of alternate side of the street parking rules on Christmas Day as observed by the Eastern Orthodox Church.

**Int.603 - Van Bramer**
Relates to increasing civil penalties for leaving the scene of an incident without reporting.

**Int.604 - Van Bramer**
Relates to reporting information related to leaving the scene of an incident without reporting.

**Int.605 - Williams**
Relates to requiring the police department to post quarterly reports on its website relating to the use of “seat belt holds” and “chokeholds.”

**Int.606 - Williams**
Relates to requiring the New York Police Department to issue quarterly reports on the use of force and its relationship to quality of life offenses.

**Int.607 - Williams**
Relates to the creation of a police officer body-worn camera task force.

**Int.608 - Williams**
Relates to prohibiting unauthorized surveillance by a global positioning system or similar technology.

**Int.609 - Constantinides**
Relates to the use of geothermal energy in New York City.

**Int.610 - Espinal**
Relates to requiring the posting of information related to services offered at licensed appearance enhancement businesses.

**Int.611 - Eugene**
Relates to membership of the veterans advisory board.

**Int.612 - Ferreras**
Relates to the sale of tax liens.
Int.613 - Levine
Relates to requiring the department of education to report on student attrition and backfill data.

Int.614 - Public Advocate James
Relates to requiring the registration and insurance of unmanned aerial vehicles.

Int.615 - Rodriguez
Relates to allowing the taxi and limousine commission to consider improved trouble lights for use in licensed vehicles.

Int.616 - Rodriguez
Relates to reporting of assaults on taxi and commission licensed drivers.

Int.617 - Rodriguez
Relates to prohibiting the sale of shisha.

Int.618 - Rodriguez
Relates to reducing the emissions that come from New York City-owned motor vehicles.

Int.619 - Ulrich
Relates to meetings of the veterans advisory board.
Local Law 1 - Johnson
Relates to amending sex designation on birth records. (Int. #491)

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Local Law 7 - Crowley
Relates to the spaying, neutering and licensing of animals sold in pet shops. (Int. #136-A)

Local Law 8 - Johnson
Relates to microchipping animals sold in pet shops. (Int. #146-A)

Local Law 9 - Chin
Relates to regulating social adult daycare. (Int. #358-A)

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