

Int. No. 1637

By Council Members Johnson and Richards

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a New York city energy policy task force and creating a long-term energy plan for the city

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1           Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 1 of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of  
2 New York is amended by adding a new section 3-126 to read as follows:

3           § 3-126 New York city energy policy task force. a. Definitions. As used in this section:

4           Administering agency. The term “administering agency” means the offices or agencies  
5 designated pursuant to subdivision e by the mayor to administer the provisions of this section.

6           Energy supply. The term “energy supply” means (i) power plants and any other  
7 facilities that generate energy that is used in the city, (ii) infrastructure that transmits or  
8 distributes energy that is used in the city, (iii) any fuels that are used in buildings or facilities in  
9 the city, and (iv) distributed generation sources of electricity, heating or cooling that is used in  
10 the city.

11           Green energy. The term “green energy” means energy generated from (i) a qualified  
12 energy resource, as such term is defined in section 45 of title 26 of the United States code, (ii) a  
13 source that the administering agency determines is renewable or (iii) a source that is determined  
14 by the administering agency to have a positive environmental impact or a substantially lower  
15 negative environmental impact than other sources of energy excluding such qualified energy  
16 resources.

17           Task force. The term “task force” means the New York city energy policy task force  
18 established by this section.

1            b. New York city energy policy task force. 1. The administering agency shall convene a  
2 New York city energy policy task force.

3            2. The head of the administering agency, or another person designated by the mayor,  
4 shall be the chair of the task force.

5            3. The mayor or a person designated by the mayor shall, in consultation with the  
6 speaker of the council, appoint the members of the task force. To the extent practicable, the  
7 appointed members shall include representatives of (i) city, state and federal instrumentalities  
8 that regulate or have a significant interest in the development of the energy supply; (ii) energy  
9 utilities; (iii) the green energy industry; (iv) the energy industry; (v) consumer advocacy  
10 organizations relating to energy; (vi) building owners and managers; (vii) the construction trades;  
11 (viii) residential and commercial tenants; (ix) the business sector; (x) environmental advocacy  
12 organizations and (xi) other persons with experience or expertise deemed relevant by the mayor  
13 or such designated person. Members of the task force shall serve without compensation from the  
14 city and may be removed at any time by the mayor or such designated person, in consultation  
15 with the speaker of the council.

16            c. Meetings. The task force shall convene at least once every six months for the purpose  
17 of evaluating the condition and adequacy of the energy supply, any vulnerability in and risks to  
18 the energy supply, and to identify and coordinate the implementation of objectives regarding the  
19 development of the energy supply, including objectives and recommendations established under  
20 the long-term energy plan required by this section.

21            d. Long-term energy plan. In 2019 and in every fourth year thereafter, the  
22 administering agency, in consultation with the task force, shall submit to the mayor and the

1 speaker of the council, and make publicly available online, a long-term energy plan. Such plan  
2 shall, at a minimum, include:

3 1. A description and analysis of the current energy supply, including its capacity, and  
4 the power plants, facilities, infrastructure, fuels and energy sources comprising such energy  
5 supply;

6 2. An assessment of the current citywide energy demand and a projection of the future  
7 citywide energy demand over the next four years, or such longer period as the task force may  
8 deem appropriate, disaggregated by end-use sector, including (i) an assessment of factors  
9 affecting demand, including but not limited to energy efficiency measures, electrification of  
10 building systems, and adoption of energy storage and electric vehicles; (ii) specific  
11 recommendations regarding the capacity that should be added to the current energy supply to  
12 meet such projected demand after consideration of such factors, and (iii) actions the city should  
13 take in connection with such recommendations;

14 3. A list of each city, state or federal instrumentality that regulates or exercises any  
15 authority over the energy supply, in whole or in part, and, for each such instrumentality, a  
16 description of their role with respect to the energy supply;

17 4. (i) An analysis and estimate of the total capacity of the green energy sources that  
18 have been integrated into the energy supply and of green energy sources that could feasibly be  
19 developed and integrated into the energy supply, including an analysis and estimate of the  
20 maximum extent to which green energy sources could be used to satisfy energy needs for the city  
21 and city government and (ii) specific recommendations for developing and integrating such  
22 green energy sources into the energy supply to the maximum extent possible, including actions  
23 the city should take in connection with such recommendations;

1           5. (i) An analysis and estimate of energy efficiency measures, electrification of building  
2 systems, and adoption of energy storage that could feasibly be developed to reduce citywide  
3 energy demand, including but not limited to an analysis and estimate of the maximum extent to  
4 which such measures could be used to reduce energy demand in buildings owned or leased by  
5 the city and (ii) specific recommendations for developing and integrating such measures to the  
6 maximum extent possible, including actions the city, state, and federal government should take  
7 in connection with such recommendations;

8           6. A plan for allowing city residents and other members of the public to participate and  
9 benefit from the development of energy efficiency and green energy systems and infrastructure,  
10 including a plan to disseminate information to members of the public about the benefits of and  
11 progress under the long-term energy plan; and

12           7. For second and subsequent long-term energy plans, an assessment of the city's  
13 progress toward accomplishing the objectives and recommendations established in the previous  
14 long-term energy plan.

15           e. The mayor shall, in writing, designate one or more offices or agencies to administer  
16 the provisions of this section and may, from time to time at the mayor's discretion, change such  
17 designation. Within 10 days after such designation or change thereof, a copy of such designation  
18 or change thereof shall be published on the city's website and on the website of each such office  
19 or agency, and shall be electronically submitted to the speaker of the council.

20           § 2. This local law takes effect immediately.