
A LOCAL LAW

To direct the mayor’s office of long-term planning and sustainability to study the feasibility of different types of renewable energy sources combined with battery storage on Rikers Island.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision d of section 3-126 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 99 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:

   d. The administering agency shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and make publicly available online, a long-term energy plan, in conjunction with the plan developed in accordance with subdivision e of section 20 of the New York city charter. Such plan must be completed by [December 31, 2021] June 30, 2022, and shall be updated every four years thereafter. The advisory subcommittee established by this section shall provide, as needed, advice and recommendations with respect to the development of such plan, which shall include, but not be limited to:

§ 2. Subdivision g of section 3-126 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 99 for the year 2019, is amended to read as follows:
g. The long-term energy plan developed in accordance with subdivision d of this section shall include the following:

1. An assessment of the feasibility of replacing in-city gas-fired power plants associated with the bulk power system with battery storage powered by renewable energy sources in a manner that is consistent with the New York state public service commission energy storage deployment policy developed pursuant to section 74 of the public service law;

2. An assessment of when such replacement, if feasible, can take place; [and]

3. A review of potential technologies for battery storage of energy. This local law takes effect immediately upon enactment and expires and is deemed repealed after the submission of the report due; and

4. In an appendix included only in the initial plan required to be completed by June 30, 2022, an assessment of the feasibility of constructing renewable energy sources combined with battery storage facilities on Rikers Island, including an evaluation of economic costs, value, rate of return, sustainability, and any additional considerations relevant to such assessment. The Rikers Island advisory committee established pursuant to subdivision b of section 4-215 of this code may submit recommendations regarding such assessment to the administering agency.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on February 11, 2021 and approved by the Mayor on February 25, 2021.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.
CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 17 of 2021, Council Int. No. 1593-A of 2019) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.