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A Local Law amend the New York city charter, in relation to requiring the installation of induction loops systems for certain capital projects paid in whole or in part from the city treasury and requiring the publication of public locations where such systems are available.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 9 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 224.3 to read as follows:

§ 224.3 Induction loop systems. a. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Baseline construction cost. The term "baseline construction cost" means the total cost of a proposed capital project not including the cost of installing an assistive listening system.

Capital project. The term "capital project" means a capital project as defined in section 210 of this chapter that is paid for in whole or in part from the city treasury.

Meeting space. The term "meeting space" means any space designed to be used for conducting public meetings or for gatherings of X or more persons, including but not limited to auditoriums, cafeterias, assembly spaces, conference rooms, multipurpose spaces, recreation spaces, community halls, exhibition halls, lecture halls, libraries, office meeting rooms, board rooms, hearing rooms, and theaters. For purpose of this section meeting space does not include court rooms or ancillary spaces in courthouse buildings..

ALTERNATIVE DEFINITION SUGGESTED BY OLIVIA GOODMAN

The term “meeting space” means a space classified in occupancy group A pursuant to the New York city building code, or a space used for assembly purposes with an occupant load of fewer than 75 persons classified in occupance group B pursuant to such code. Such term shall not include (1) offices; or (2) classes or instructional rooms with 75 or more persons classified in occupancy group A3 pursuant to such code.

Occupancy group. The term "occupancy group" means occupancy group as classified in accordance with the New York city construction codes.

Shielding. The term "shielding" means material used to prevent the leakage of an induction loop signal outside of a meeting space or to prevent interference from an outside source that affects an induction loop signal within a meeting space.

b. Requirement for installation of assistive listening systems. Each capital project with an estimated baseline construction cost of \$500,000 or more involving the construction of a new meeting space or the reconstruction of an existing meeting space shall be designed and constructed to include the installation of an induction loop assistive listening system that complies with the performance requirements set forth in subdivision c of this section in at least one such meeting space. Any security, information, or reception desk used for the checking-in or screening of persons attending a meeting held in a meeting space in which an induction loop assistive listening system has been provided pursuant to this section shall also be equipped with an induction loop system that complies with the performance requirements set forth in subdivision c of this section. Upon completion of any such new construction or reconstruction, directional signage indicating the availability and location of an assistive listening system shall be provided pursuant to subdivision d of this section.

c. System performance requirements. Any induction loop system installed pursuant to this section shall meet or exceed the system performance requirements set forth in International Electrotechnical Commission IEC 60118-4 Edition 3.0 2014-12 relating to induction-loop systems for hearing aid purposes.

d. Signage. 1. Directional signage that provides adequate guidance to the meeting space, including raised graphics and letters with Braille descriptors, must be provided in accordance with section 1110.2 of the 2014 New York city building code, and other signage indicating any special accessibility features must be provided in accordance with section 1110.3 of such code.

2. Any security, information, or reception desk used for the checking-in or screening of persons attending a meeting held in a meeting space required to have an assistive listening system pursuant to this section and equipped with an induction loop system shall display the international symbol of access for hearing loss pursuant to figure 703.6.3.3 of ICC A117.1-2009 and a “T” in the lower right-hand corner of such symbol indicating the availability of an induction loop system.

3. The international symbol for access for hearing loss pursuant to section 703.6.3.3 of ICC A117.1-2009 and a “T” in the lower right-hand corner of such symbol indicating the availability of an induction loop system shall be displayed at the entrance to any meeting space equipped with an assistive listening system pursuant to this section.

e. Annual report. No later than July 1, 2018, the mayor or such office or agency as the mayor may designate shall post on its website the locations of facilities owned or operated by the city at which an assistive listening system such as an induction loop, infrared, FM, or other type of system, is permanently available. The list shall be updated annually thereafter.

f. This section shall not apply to capital projects for facilities that are not city owned unless 50 percent or more of the estimated cost of such project is to be paid for out of the city treasury. This exemption shall not apply to any capital project that receives \$1,000,000 or more out of the city treasury.

g. This section shall not apply to capital projects that have received capital dollars from the city treasury before January 1, 2018.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on January 1, 2018, and shall apply to capital projects for which the final design is approved pursuant to section 223 of the New York city charter after such effective date, except that prior to such effective date the mayor or office or agency designated by the mayor shall take all actions necessary for the timely implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules.