

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2017**

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**No. 179**

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Introduced by Council Members Crowley, Chin, Koo, Lancman, Palma, Rose, Mendez, Koslowitz, Rosenthal, Kallos, Eugene and Treyger.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting response times for firefighting units and ambulances to emergencies**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Section 15-129 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 119 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 15-129 Reporting of department response times.

a. This section shall be known as and may be cited as the "The Ariel Russo Emergency 9-1-1 Response Time Reporting Act".

b. The department shall track the duration of time between a report to a 911 operator to which fire units or ambulances are required to respond and the time when the first fire unit, which shall include ladders and engines only, or the first ambulance unit, arrives on scene in the following categories:

- (1) Average response time to structural fires;
- (2) Average response time to non-structural fires;
- (3) Average response time to non-fire emergencies;

[(4) Average response time to segment 1 medical emergencies, as defined by the department, including cardiac arrest and choking incidents by ambulance units;

(5) Average response time to life threatening medical emergencies by ambulance units;

(6) Average response time to life threatening and non-life threatening medical emergencies by ambulance units combined;

(7) Average response time to life threatening medical emergencies by fire units;

(8) Combined average response time to life threatening medical emergencies by ambulance and fire units; and

(9) Percentage of response time of less than 10 minutes to Advanced Life Support medical emergencies by Advanced Life Support ambulances.]

*(4) Average response time to medical emergencies by ambulance units, in total and disaggregated by segment;*

*(5) Average response time to medical emergencies by fire units, in total and disaggregated by segment;*

*(6) Percentage of response time to Advanced Life Support medical emergencies by Advanced Life support ambulances, in total and disaggregated by segment, in the following categories: (i) less than 6 minutes, (ii) between 6 and 10 minutes, (iii) between 10 and 20 minutes, and (iv) more than 20 minutes; and*

*(7) Percentage of response time to structural and non-structural fires by fire units in the following categories: (i) less than 5 minutes, (ii) between 5 and 10 minutes, (iii) between 10 and 20 minutes, and (iv) more than 20 minutes.*

c. The department shall submit a monthly and yearly report to the council and to the mayor that it shall also post on its website, detailing the citywide response times for each category required herein, disaggregated by borough, *community district, and division. Each such report shall include the department's most current definitions of all relevant segments.*

*d. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:*

*Advanced life support unit. The term "advanced life support unit" means an advanced life support ambulance or first responder unit.*

*Division. The term "division" means any division as defined by the department.*

*Life threatening medical emergency. The term "life threatening medical emergency" means any emergency categorized by the department as a life threatening medical emergency.*

§2. This local law takes effect 30 days after it becomes law.

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 August 24, 2017 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on September 26, 2017.

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. 179 of 2017, Council Int. No. 135-A of 2014) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEVEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.