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Int. No. 1587

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to identifying lead water supply mains and service lines through an online interactive map and providing educational resources and tools for preventing lead contamination

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 23 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 23-803 to read as follows:

§ 23-803 Online interactive maps. The department of information technology and telecommunications shall provide to the public, at no charge, on the city’s website, the following online interactive maps:

a. Lead water supply mains and service lines map pursuant to section 24-309.1. All information required by section 24-309.1 shall be available on the city’s website on or before April 30, 2019 and updated, at

minimum, in April and October of each year. The mayor shall ensure that agencies provide such department with assistance and information as it requires to compile and update the interactive map.

b. Reserved.

§ 2. Title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-309.1 to read as follows:

§ 24-309.1 Tracking lead water supply mains and service lines; online interactive map. a. No later than April 30, 2019, the department of environmental protection shall make information about lead water supply mains and service lines available on the city's website in the form of a searchable online interactive map, created in conjunction with the department of information technology and telecommunications pursuant to subdivision a of section 23-803. The department of environmental protection shall make best efforts to identify all lead water supply mains and service lines, including privately owned mains and service lines, by consulting relevant city or public records, by obtaining information from property owners and by any other relevant means.

b. Such online interactive map shall:

1. Be searchable by address, zip code and street name;
2. Detail the locations of all water supply mains and service lines in the city;
3. Identify, through a color scheme or other identification method, lead water supply mains and service lines, and, if the composition is unknown, mark it as such until the department of environmental protection can determine its composition;
4. Mark lead water supply mains and service lines as publicly or privately owned; and
5. Provide relevant information to users, including information about lead contamination prevention, lead water test kits and any other relevant resources.

c. If a property is serviced by a lead water supply main or service line, the department of environmental protection shall:

1. Notify the relevant property owners and tenants in writing of the existence of such lead water supply mains or service lines;

2. Provide information to the relevant property owners and tenants on the prevention of lead contamination;

3. If applicable, provide information to relevant property owners about the process and permissions required in making a connection to a main or pipe for the purposes of replacing lead water supply service lines; and

4. Replace any publicly owned lead water supply mains or service lines as soon as practicable.

d. No later than December 1, 2018, the department of environmental protection shall provide the department of information technology and telecommunications with all the information to be made available on the online interactive map pursuant to this section. The department of environmental protection shall update this information and provide such updates to the department of information technology and telecommunications, at minimum, in March and September of each year.

e. The department of environmental protection, in consultation with the department of health and mental hygiene, shall establish and engage in outreach and education efforts that inform the public about preventing lead contamination, including providing information about resources and tools such as the department's free water lead test kits, the online interactive map and any other relevant information. Outreach and education efforts shall include at least six public service announcements distributed through printed, televised and radio media. The first such announcement shall take place on or before April 30, 2019.

f. No later than December 1, 2018, the department of environmental protection shall provide to the council and the mayor an annual report containing information on the following:

1. Locations of all existing lead water supply mains and service lines;

2. Efforts underway to replace lead water supply mains and service lines;

3. Efforts to notify property owners and tenants serviced by lead water supply mains or service lines;

and

4. The status of public outreach and education efforts on the prevention of lead contamination.

g. The department of environmental protection may include with any such report a recommendation to the mayor and the council about whether continued reporting on such topic is necessary and appropriate.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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