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11/29/2016	*	Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management	Amendment Proposed by Comm	
11/29/2016	*	Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management	Amended by Committee	
11/29/2016	Α	Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management	Approved by Committee	Pass
11/29/2016	Α	City Council	Approved by Council	Pass
11/29/2016	Α	City Council	Sent to Mayor by Council	
12/6/2016	Α	Mayor	Hearing Held by Mayor	
12/6/2016	Α	Mayor	Signed Into Law by Mayor	
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Int. No. 300-A

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the removal of snow and ice from fire hydrants

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 15-205 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 66 for the year 1991, is amended to read as follows:

§ 15-205 Obstruction of fire hydrants. a. For the purposes of this section, the term "fire hydrant street area" means, with respect to a fire hydrant, any space that is located:

1. In a street; and

- 2. Between the center of such street and a line that (i) is 20 feet in length, (ii) has such hydrant at its center point and (iii) runs parallel to the curb nearest such hydrant.
- b. 1. It shall be unlawful in any manner to obstruct the use of any fire hydrant, or to throw or pile, or allow any snow or ice or other material or thing to be thrown or piled (i) upon [or around the same,] a fire hydrant, (ii) within two feet of a fire hydrant or [to place, or allow to be placed, any material or thing in front thereof, from the curb line to the center of the street and to] (iii) within [ten feet from either side thereof] a fire hydrant street area. [All snow and ice accumulating in the street, within such space, shall be removed by the owner, lessee, or tenant of the premises fronting such space.] All material or things found obstructing any fire hydrant may be forthwith removed by the officers or employees of the department, at the risk, cost and expense, of the [owner or claimant] owner, lessee or tenant of the premises fronting such hydrant. [The provision of this section requiring that no thing shall be placed within ten feet from either side of a fire hydrant]
- 2. No newsstand may be located within ten feet from either side of a fire hydrant, except that this prohibition shall not apply to any newsstand which was first licensed by the department of consumer affairs [prior to the first day of] before August 1, [nineteen hundred seventy-nine] 1979, where the person who held the license for such newsstand on [the first day of] August 1, [nineteen hundred ninety-one] 1991 continues to be the licensee for such newsstand; provided, however, that where a newsstand which was first licensed [prior to the first day of] before August 1, [nineteen hundred seventy-nine] 1979 is reconstructed in its entirety or in

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substantial part, which reconstruction was commenced on or after [the first day of] August 1, [nineteen

hundred ninety-one] 1991, such newsstand shall be subject to such [requirement that no thing be placed within

ten feet from either side of a fire hydrant] prohibition.

c. All snow and ice accumulating within a space identified in paragraph 1 of subdivision b of this

section shall be removed by the owner, lessee or tenant of the premises fronting such space within four hours

after the snow ceases to fall, except that (i) such owner, lessee or tenant shall not be required to remove snow

and ice from the fire hydrant street area or from the property of such owner, lessee or tenant and (ii) the time

between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. shall not be included in the aforementioned period of four hours.

d. Notwithstanding section 15-216, a violation or knowing violation of this section shall be punishable

in the same manner as a violation of subdivision a of section 16-123, except that a knowing violation of

subdivision b of this section may in addition be punishable by imprisonment not to exceed one day.

e. In addition to the department, the department of sanitation may enforce the provisions of this section.

§ 2. Subdivision c of section 16-123 of administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read

as follows:

c. [Any person violating any provision of, or regulation adopted pursuant to, subdivisions a and b of this

section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred fifty dollars,

imprisonment for not more than ten days, or both] Reserved.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law, except that (i) the commissioner of

sanitation and the commissioner of the fire department may take such measures as are necessary for its

implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such date and (ii) section two of this local law

takes effect immediately.

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