



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling on the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a law amending the Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act to allow the City to collect electronic waste for recycling.

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Whereas, On May 28, 2010, New York State enacted the Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act (the “Recycling Act”).

Whereas, Pursuant to the Recycling Act, manufacturers are required to provide electronic waste (“e-waste”) recycling to consumers in New York State; and

Whereas, The Recycling Act requires that collection methods be “convenient to consumers” and provides that these methods can include mail or ship-back return programs; manufacturer collection events; fixed acceptance locations; partnerships with local governments, stores, sales outlets and not-for-profit organizations to provide collection facilities; and community collection events; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the Recycling Act, as of January 1, 2015, no individual or household is allowed to place e-waste for collection which is intended for disposal at a solid waste management facility; and

Whereas, Although New York City has a number of programs to recycle e-waste, including e-cycleNYC, in which residential buildings larger than 10 units can apply for e-waste bins; SAFE Disposal Events where residents can discard their e-waste, and NYC Stuff Exchange, which allow residents to donate, sell, buy, rent, or repair gently used materials, including electronics, these programs all require residents to carry or otherwise transport their e-waste to these locations; and

Whereas, Many older electronics, especially televisions and computers, are very heavy and difficult or impossible to carry even short distances; and

Whereas, These materials could be put out for collection and ultimately be recycled by the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) if authorized by state law; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign a law amending the Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act to allow the City to collect electronic waste for recycling.

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