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THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

December 31, 2025

Hon. Michael McSweeney  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
141 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

**Re: Disapproval of Introductory No. 1279-B**

Dear Mr. McSweeney:

Pursuant to Section 37 of the New York City Charter, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 1279-B, which would amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York "in relation to a department of sanitation rule regarding supplemental sanitation service providers placing out refuse or recycling."

Int. No. 1279-B prevents agency rules that would prohibit supplemental sanitation service providers—meaning business improvement districts (BIDs), merchant associations, neighborhood associations, and non-governmental entities—from placing trash next to a public litter basket or rules that require containerization of trash collected by these groups from going into effect until August 30, 2026. The agency rules that this legislation seeks to delay were implemented as part of the citywide effort to containerize trash, including trash collected by BIDs and other neighborhood organizations, to clean up City streets and reduce pest infestations. Such efforts have been supported by the City Council, as demonstrated by the passage of Local Law 180 of 2025 in November of this year. Int. No. 1279-B would hamper these containerization efforts and keep plastic trash bags on corners in the busiest and most heavily trafficked areas of our City.

Accordingly, I hereby disapprove Introductory No. 1279-B.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Adams".

Eric Adams  
Mayor

Cc: Hon. Adrienne Adams, Speaker

Proposed Int. No. 1279-B

By Council Members Ayala, Banks, Narcisse, Brewer and Farías

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a department of sanitation rule regarding supplemental sanitation service providers placing out refuse or recycling

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

1       Section 1. Subdivision e of section 16-120 of the administrative code of the city of New  
2 York, as amended by local law number 135 for the year 2018, is amended to read as follows:

3       e. [(1)] 1. No person shall deposit household or commercial refuse or liquid wastes in a  
4 public litter basket placed on the streets by the department or any other person. There shall be a  
5 rebuttable presumption that the person whose name, or other identifying information, appears on  
6 any household or commercial refuse or liquid wastes deposited in such public litter basket violated  
7 this paragraph.

8       [(2)] 2. No person shall place household or commercial refuse in or upon any sidewalk,  
9 street, lot, park, public place, wharf, pier, dock, bulkhead, slip, navigable waterway or other area  
10 whether publicly or privately owned, except in accordance with rules of the department relating to  
11 collection (i) by the department or (ii) by a private carter that is required to be licensed or registered  
12 pursuant to chapter 1 of title 16-A of the code. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the  
13 person whose name, or other identifying information, appears on any household or commercial  
14 refuse placed in or upon any sidewalk, street, lot, park, public place, wharf, pier, dock, bulkhead,  
15 slip, navigable waterway or other area whether publicly or privately owned violated this paragraph.

16       § 2. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following  
17 meanings:

1           Merchant association. The term “merchant association” means a group of merchants  
2 located in a commercial corridor that create an association to provide services and advocate on  
3 behalf of local business owners.

4           Neighborhood association. The term “neighborhood association” means a group of  
5 residents who advocate to improve the quality of life or organize activities within a neighborhood.

6           Supplemental sanitation service provider. The term “supplemental sanitation service  
7 provider” means a business improvement district established pursuant to chapter 4 of title 25 of  
8 the administrative code of the city of New York or pursuant to state law, or a non-governmental  
9 entity or organization, including a merchant association or a neighborhood association, that  
10 performs or causes others to perform cleaning services, such as manual sweeping and cleaning of  
11 public spaces or emptying of public litter baskets, for the purpose of supporting local businesses  
12 or communities.

13           b. Prior to August 30, 2026, any rule adopted by the commissioner of sanitation (i)  
14 prohibiting a supplemental sanitation service provider from placing refuse or recycling next to or  
15 against any public litter basket placed by the department of sanitation, or at any location described  
16 in paragraph 2 of subdivision e of section 16-120 of the administrative code of the city of New  
17 York, or (ii) requiring a supplemental sanitation service provider to place out, in rigid receptacles  
18 with tight-fitting lids, any material that such provider places out for collection by the department  
19 of sanitation, shall apply only to a supplemental sanitation service provider that:

20           1. Receives fiscal year 2026 discretionary expense funds, awarded pursuant to the city  
21 council discretionary funding process, for the purpose of purchasing rigid receptacles with tight-  
22 fitting lids; or

1           2. Does not receive such funding, except where such provider submits an application to the  
2           department of sanitation for the siting of a rigid receptacle with a tight-fitting lid no later than  
3           March 1, 2026.

4           § 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

MBB  
LS # 19267  
12/09/2025, 9:05 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above bill was passed by the Council of the City of  
New York on ..... Thursday, December 18, 2025

receiving the following votes:

Affirmative..... 47  
Negative..... 1  
Abstentions..... 0

  
Michael M. McSweeney, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

**DISAPPROVED**

ON THE 31<sup>st</sup> DAY OF Dec 2025  
Eric Adams MAYOR