



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

PROPOSED INTRO. NO. 505-A

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring an agency or agencies designated by the mayor to notify the public of the status of government services disrupted due to severe weather conditions or other emergency.

SPONSORS: Council Members Gentile, Cabrera, Chin, Fidler, Foster, James, Koppell, Mendez, Nelson, Palma, Recchia Jr., Seabrook, Vann, Williams, Van Bramer, Lappin, Vallone Jr., Gennaro, and Halloran III

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation would require an “agency or agencies designated by the mayor to “notify the public of the status of any New York city government services that are suspended or significantly disrupted due to severe weather conditions or other emergency. Such government services [would] include, but not be limited to, collection of solid waste, public transportation, on-street parking, and the operation of educational facilities.” This notification would be achieved through “any medium that is reasonably expected to reach a substantial proportion of the community or communities impacted by the suspension or disruption of government services, provided that, in addition to notification by other media, the designated agency or agencies...maintain a dedicated website on which all information regarding the status of disrupted government services [would] be made publicly available.”

The legislation would also require that “an agency or agencies designated by the mayor...evaluate and determine the feasibility of posting information regarding the suspension or significant disruption of services provided by not-for-profit organizations, who contract with the city to provide services,” on the above-mentioned, dedicated website established pursuant to this legislation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law would take effect ninety days after its enactment.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY11	FY Succeeding Effective FY12	Full Fiscal Impact FY11
Revenues (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures (-)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: There would be no impact on revenues by the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: This bill would be implemented with the use of existing resources and therefore have no fiscal impact. The Administration intends to meet the requirement for public notice through “any medium that is reasonably expected to reach a substantial proportion of the community or communities impacted by the suspension or disruption of government services” by sending out press alerts to television and

radio news stations that would report the government service disruptions as a public service.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: N/A

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: New York City Council Finance Division
Mayor's Office of City Legislative Affairs

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HISTORY: On March 9, 2011, a joint hearing of the Committees on Sanitation and Solid Waste, Public Safety, and Transportation was held on a pre-considered version of this bill, which was laid over. The legislation was subsequently introduced to the full Council on March 23, 2011 as Int. 505 and referred to the Committee on Public Safety. An amended version of the legislation, Proposed Intro. 505-A, will be considered by the Committee on April 6th, 2011.