

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number:

- INT 1256-2025

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title:

- A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to applicable fines and civil penalties for the obstruction of fire hydrants
- Submitted by:
- Council Member Joann Ariola

Justification

This bill would preserve existing sanitation-based civil penalties and other punishment for fire hydrant obstruction violations involving the throwing or piling of snow or ice. This bill would also make clear that higher civil penalties, criminal fines, and other punishment are applicable for other fire hydrant obstruction violations and for violations of newsstand distance requirements from fire hydrants.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.