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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the issuance of violations to residential property owners for failure to keep abutting sidewalks free from litter.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 16-118 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

2. Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or person in charge of any building or premises shall keep and cause to be kept the sidewalk, flagging and curbstone abutting said building or premises free from obstruction and nuisances of every kind, and shall keep said sidewalks, air shafts, areaways, backyards, courts and alleys free from garbage, refuse, rubbish, litter and other offensive material, except that in a building used primarily for residential purposes, no notice of violation or summons may be issued for a violation of this section unless

such garbage, refuse, rubbish, litter or other offensive material has been permitted to accumulate and remain for a period of time beyond which it is reasonable for it to have been removed. Such time period shall be evidenced if the garbage, refuse, rubbish, litter or other offensive material is in a “matted” condition and such condition has been confirmed by a supervisor or other managerial employee of the department. Such persons shall also remove garbage, refuse litter, debris and other offensive material between the curbstone abutting the building or premises and the roadway area extending one and one-half feet from the curbstone into the street on which the building or premises front before said material becomes matted. Such persons shall not, however, be responsible for cleaning the garbage, refuse, rubbish, litter and other offensive material which accumulates at catch basins located within the one and one-half foot distance from the curbstone into the street.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately.