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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-142 to read as follows:

§18-142 Tree removal protocol. a. The department, in consultation with the office of emergency management, department of sanitation and local electric corporations, shall develop a protocol for the removal of trees that have been downed or damaged as a result of weather or climate events. Such protocol shall require the department:

1. to establish effective means of communication with local electric corporations so that the department is notified in a timely manner of downed or damaged trees that have fallen on powered electrical wires or cables, and whether such trees are safe to be removed;

2. to effectively coordinate department personnel engaged in tree removal, including the office of emergency management and the department of sanitation, upon receiving information regarding the status of downed and damaged trees; and

3. to establish a system whereby each instance of downed or damaged trees is provided with a unique identifier or tracking number and a method to notify the electrical corporation when such downed or damaged tree has been removed.

b. the department shall publish such protocol on its website and submit a description of such protocol to the mayor and council by July first of each year.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

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