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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a theatre district zone

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to add a new section 19-157.1 to read as follows:

§ 19-157.1 Theatre district zone. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Designated activities. The term “designated activities” means commercial activities, including solicitation of any kind, distribution of anything, entertainment or performances by individuals or groups, posing for or taking photographs or videos, and vending expressive matter, where any form of compensation, donation, or gratuity is requested or accepted. Persons who engage in designated activities shall be deemed to be engaged in such activities for the entirety of their interactions with each member of the public for the purpose of conducting commercial activity. For the purposes of this section, designated activities shall not include commercial activities by vendors who are licensed pursuant to sections 17-307 or 20-453.

Designated activity zone. The term “designated activity zone” means an area designated as such by the department by signage or markings in which individuals conduct designated activities.

Pedestrian flow zone. The term “pedestrian flow zone” means an area designated as such by the department by signage or markings for the safe and continuous movement of pedestrian traffic.

Theatre district zone. The term “theatre district zone” means the areas bounded by (i) the northerly edge of West 50th Street, a line 200 feet west of the westerly edge of the Avenue of the Americas, the southerly edge of West 43rd Street, and a line 100 feet west of the westerly edge Eighth Avenue, and (ii) from the southeast corner of Eighth Avenue and West 43rd Street eastward along the southerly edge of West 43rd Street, to a point 194 feet east of the centerline of Broadway; then south to a point on the southerly edge of West 42nd Street 138 feet east of the centerline of Broadway; then west along the southerly edge of West 42nd Street to Broadway; then south along the eastly edge of Broadway to southeast corner of West 41st Street and Broadway; then west along the southerly edge of West 41st Street to a point 400 feet west of Seventh Avenue; then south to a point 400 feet west of Seventh Avenue on the southerly edge of West 40th Street; then west along the southerly side of West 40th Street the southeast corner of West 40th Street and Eighth Avenue; then north along the eastly edge of Eighth Avenue to the southeast corner of 43rd Street and Eighth Avenue.

b. Pedestrian flow zones. The department shall establish pedestrian flow zones within the theatre district zone where necessary to accommodate the demand for pedestrian space. The department shall consider establishing such zones on streets including, but not limited to, West 42nd Street, Seventh Avenue, and Broadway.

c. Designated activity zones. The department may establish designated activity zones within the theatre district zone where necessary to accommodate the demand for designated activities.

d. Rules. The department may promulgate rules applicable to pedestrian flow zones and designated activity zones within the theater district zone, including, but not limited to, establishing the parameters of such zones and setting general rules of conduct.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 60 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of transportation shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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