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Int. No. 467

By Council Members Dromm, Yeger, Kallos and Holden

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requests for trees

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 18-106.1 to read as follows:

§ 18-106.1 Report on requests for trees. a. By no later than December 1 of each year, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and the council, and publicly post on its website, a report on requests to have trees planted on streets which were received by the department during the previous fiscal year. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The number of such requests, disaggregated by whether the site requested was an existing empty tree bed or a paved sidewalk;

2. The number of trees planted during the previous fiscal year in response to such requests;

3. The number of such requests, which were not approved, disaggregated by the reason for such non-approval;

4. An analysis of whether any requests which were not approved, could be approved for a different type of tree; and

5. The number of existing empty tree beds.

b. Such report shall also include recommendations for increasing the number of trees planted in response to requests for street trees.

§ 2. Title 23 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 9 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 9

DASHBOARDS

§ 23-901 Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Dashboard. The term "dashboard" means a data visualization tool publicly available on the internet that includes a customizable interface and uses current data from one or more sources.

Department. The term "department" means the department of information technology and telecommunications or any successor agency.

§ 23-902 Requests for trees. Within one year of the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department of parks and recreation shall, in conjunction with the department, create a dashboard consisting, at a minimum, of data on requests to have trees planted on streets which were received by the department of parks and recreation. Such data shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) the number of such requests;

(ii) the number of such requests which have been added to the list of trees to be planted; and

(iii) the number of trees planted in response to such requests

(iv) the number of such requests which were denied disaggregated by the reason for such denial.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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