

The New York City Council

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By Council Member Espinal

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to facilitating food scraps donations

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 16-497 the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 16-497 Food web portal. Within eighteen months after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department or another agency or office designated by the mayor, shall, in conjunction with the department of information technology and telecommunications, create or modify and maintain a web portal that will allow prospective food donors and recipients, including but not limited to restaurants, grocery stores, produce markets, dining facilities and food rescue organizations, to post notifications concerning the availability of food or food scraps, including food that would otherwise go to waste, and to arrange for the transportation or retrieval of such food. Such portal shall, at a minimum, allow (i) a prospective food donor to describe the type and amount of food available, including any information necessary to keep the food safe for human consumption, such as refrigeration requirements, as well as other information necessary to facilitate its donation, (ii) a prospective food recipient to specify the type and amount of food donations it will accept and the areas of the city from which it will accept donations and to receive prompt notification concerning the availability of food satisfying such specifications, and (iii) a prospective food donor and a prospective food recipient to communicate directly through a messaging system within such portal.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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