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By Council Member Ulrich

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to posting beach closures online

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 18-156 to read as follows:

§ 18-156 Beach closure information posted online. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Beach. The term “beach” means a beach that is under the jurisdiction of the commissioner.

Beach season. The term “beach season” means the period during which beaches may be open to the public.

b. The commissioner shall post on the department’s website information relating to beach closures for environmental or weather-related reasons. Such information shall be updated daily during the beach season and shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1. The name of the beach that is closed to the public or contains a section that is closed to the public;
2. The location of each section of the beach, including streets adjacent to the section of the beach, that is closed to the public;
3. The reason for such closure; and
4. The date the closed beach, or section of the beach, is expected to reopen, if known.

c. The commissioner shall post on the department’s website information relating to beaches, or sections

of beaches, that have been classified by the department of mental health and hygiene as having closed or under advisory status pursuant to subdivisions (b) and (c) of section 167.17 of article 167 of part B of title IV of the health code. The commissioner shall update such information daily during the beach season and shall, at a minimum, provide the following:

1. The name of the beach that has been so classified or contains a section that has been so classified;

2. The location of each section of the beach that has been so classified, including streets adjacent to each section;

3. The reason the beach, or the section of the beach, has been so classified; and

4. The date such classification is expected to change, if known.

d. In providing information about a beach or section thereof that the department of health and mental hygiene has classified as closed or under advisory status due to wet weather or pollution, the department of parks and recreation shall use the data collected and published by the department of mental health and hygiene.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of parks and recreation 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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