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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to community recycling centers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 16 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 16-315.1 to read as follows:

§ 16-315.1 Community recycling centers. a. The commissioner shall ensure that at least three community recycling centers are established and operational in each community district by no later than June 1, 2021. Each such center shall have a minimum of 20 hours available per week for drop offs and be located in a geographic area that is easily accessible, including for persons with disabilities, and in close proximity to public transportation. Notice of a center's hours of operation shall be clearly displayed on such center and on the department's website.

b. Each community recycling center shall accept inorganic material that is not collected curbside but that can be recycled or reused. Any food waste or yard waste drop off or collection site otherwise provided for by local law may also be co-located within such recycling centers. Each community recycling center shall also accept hazardous material, as practicable and as defined by the department, that should not be disposed of curbside waste.

- c. The commissioner shall make available on the department's website information about each of the community recycling centers, including its address, contact information, hours of operation and services provided.
- d. The commissioner, in consultation with any agencies identified by the mayor, shall establish and

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engage in outreach and education efforts to inform residents about the community recycling centers, including their locations, contact information, hours of operation and the services they provide.

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e. The commissioner shall, beginning January 1, 2022 and every six months thereafter, submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council regarding the operation of the community recycling centers established pursuant to this section. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following information for the prior six-month period, disaggregated by center: (i) the number of individuals utilizing such center; (ii)

the material collected at each such center, disaggregated by material type; (iii) the number of full-time and part-

time staff persons working at such center; (iv) where each type of material is sent; and (v) any education

programs offered to the public.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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