LOCAL LAWS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR THE YEAR 2017

No. 171

Introduced by Council Members Reynoso, Salamanca, Rodriguez, Chin, Kallos and Vallone.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring agencies to notify a food rescue organization before disposing of food

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 3 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-323.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-323.1 Notification concerning seizure of food. In the event that an agency seizes food when an employee or agent of the department of health and mental hygiene is present and determines that such food meets the sanitary requirements in the New York city health code, such agency shall, before disposing of such food, notify at least one food rescue organization that such organization may retrieve all or part of such food at such organization's expense. For the purposes of this section, the term "food rescue organization" means an organization that (i) retrieves, stores or distributes food that would otherwise be discarded, donated food or donated grocery products and (ii) donates such food or such grocery products to individuals, distributes such food or such grocery products to other food rescue organizations or otherwise distributes such food or such grocery products in connection with a food emergency program, food donation program or similar program.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on August 24, 2017 and approved by the Mayor on September 8, 2017.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 171 of 2017, Council Int. No. 1439-A of 2017) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.