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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of sanitation to collect organic waste from community gardens

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 3 of title 16 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 16-308.1 to read as follows:

§ 16-308.1 Community garden organics collection. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Community garden. The term “community garden” has the same meaning as set forth in section 25-116.

Organic waste. The term “organic waste” has the same meaning as set forth in section 16-303.

b. No later than April 15, 2023, the department shall establish an online application for community gardens to request organic waste collection by the department. Such application shall: (1) be posted on the department’s website; (2) be available in all designated citywide languages, as defined in section 23-1101; (3) be submitted by the owner or operator of the community garden, or such other person as designated by the department; and (4) allow a community garden to request weekly, biweekly or monthly organic waste collection.

c. No later than July 15, 2023, the department shall begin collecting organic waste from community gardens that submitted a request pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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