

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced herein, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Introduction Number:

Int. No.

Prime Sponsors:

Council Member J. Sanchez

Bill Title:

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing an office of sidewalk and roadway cafe sanitation within the department of sanitation

Submitted by:

Council Member J. Sanchez

Justification:

As the city's outdoor dining program continues to grow, sidewalk and roadway cafes have expanded across public sidewalks and streets. And yet, there is no dedicated mechanism to oversee their sanitation. This bill establishes an Office of Sidewalk and Roadway Cafe Sanitation within DSNY to fill that gap. By centralizing 311 complaint intake, coordinating inspections, flagging chronic violators, and sharing enforcement data with the Department of Transportation, this bill creates a framework to protect public health and cleanliness on the city's streets and sidewalks. The bill also requires annual public reporting to further transparency.