

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FINANCE DIVISION
PRESTON NIBLACK, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 164-A

COMMITTEE: Sanitation and Solid Waste Management

TITLE: A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to recycling goals, to repeal section 16-304 of such code and to repeal and reenact subdivisions a and b of section 16-305 of such code.

SPONSORS: Council Member Palma and The Speaker (Council Member Quinn) and Council Members Brewer, Dickens, Dromm, Fidler, James, Koppell, Lander, Lappin, Mark-Viverito, Rodriguez, Seabrook, Vann, Williams, Rose, Eugene, Jackson, Gennaro, Van Bramer, Levin, Koslowitz, Recchia and Chin

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Proposed Int. No. 164-A would require that the Commissioner issue an annual report detailing the recycling totals for all materials required to be recycled under City and State law and to conduct follow-up waste characterization studies. It also replaces outdated mandates for the amount of material to be recycled with two sets of recycling percentage goals that increase over the next ten years. One set of goals will focus exclusively on the curbside and containerized recycling rates (metal, glass, plastic and paper collected by the department), while the second set of goals will also measure the recycling of other materials not collected by the department, including electronic waste and plastic bags. It would require that the Department expand education and outreach and consult with the Council in case of failure to meet one goal. In the case of failure to meet two consecutive goals, the bill would require the appointment of a special advisor who would make recommendations for the improvement of the program.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This local law shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: 2012

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:**

	Effective FY11	FY Succeeding Effective FY12	Full Fiscal Impact FY12
Revenues (+)	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Expenditures (-)	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Net	(\$150,000)	(\$300,000)	(\$300,000)

**IMPACT ON REVENUES:** This bill will have no impact on revenues.

**IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES:** This bill will have an impact on expenditures in FY 2011 of \$150,000 and will have an impact of \$300,000 in FY 2012 as well as potential impact in outyears incase of failure to meet the goals set forth in the legislation. The bill would require the appointment of a special advisor who would make recommendations for improvement in the program. These potential costs cannot be determined at this time.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: General Fund

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:** City Council Finance Division

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**HISTORY:** On April 14, 2010, Proposed Intro. 164 was introduced by the Council and referred to the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management. On April 26, 2010, the Committee held a hearing regarding this legislation, which was then laid over. On July 29, 2010, the full Council will vote on Proposed Intro. 164-A

DATE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL: April 14, 2010