



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

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 517-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 establishing snow plowing and removal plans for each borough.

SPONSORS: Council Members Palma, Vacca, Koslowitz, Williams, Mealy, Gentile, Brewer, Cabrera, Chin, Comrie, Dromm, Ferreras, Fidler, Foster, James, Koppell, Lander, Mark-Viverito, Mendez, Nelson, Recchia Jr., Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Vann, Vallone Jr., Halloran III and Koo

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation would amend Chapter 1 of title 16 of the Administrative Code by adding a new section 16-124 entitled "Borough-based snow plowing and removal plans," and would require the Department of Sanitation ("Department") to make available to the public on the city's website a snow plowing and removal plan for each borough.

The plan, which is to be made available beginning November 15, 2011, and on every November 15 thereafter, would include: "the address of each Department garage and other facility within the borough identified by district or section and the number of uniformed department employees assigned to each such garage or facility for purposes of addressing snow conditions; an inventory by district of the Department-owned snow management equipment and resources and a city-wide inventory of other City-owned snow management equipment and resources that could, if available, be used during a snow event, as determined by City officials and the agency, office, agencies or offices responsible for the deployment of such City-owned snow management equipment and resources; (i) definitions of each of the priority designation categories, including criteria for making such designations and any changes to the previous year's priority designation category and the reasons for such changes; and (ii) a link to a website on which a map of each community district with the priority designation categories for each street in such district is viewable; how the department plans to address the following types of tasks during a snow event: (i) plowing and/or removal of snow and ice from streets within each borough; (ii) plowing and/or removal of snow and ice from curb cuts and pedestrian medians at intersections on primary streets; (iii) plowing and/or removal of snow and ice from crosswalks, sidewalks adjacent to parks and bus stops; and (iv) dispersal of salt, sand or other material applied to roads in icy or snowy conditions."

The bill further requires that, "The Commissioner shall designate and identify the following: (i) the borough chief or chiefs who will be responsible for the implementation of the applicable borough-specific snow plan; (ii) department personnel who will report to the Office of Emergency Management on a City-wide basis during snow events and who will be directly responsible for communicating with such office and the Department; and (iii) personnel from the Department's customer service and government relations offices who will communicate on a borough-by-borough basis with council members, community boards and the Borough Presidents in order to provide, receive and respond to information from such elected officials and community boards regarding snow event conditions.'

Additionally, this bill requires that beginning October 1, 2011 and annually thereafter, "the Commissioner shall submit a draft snow plowing and removal plan for each borough for comment to the Council Members, Community Boards and Borough President from that borough. Amendments to the draft plan shall be included in the final snow plowing and removal plan for each borough to be issued no later than November fifteenth of each year."

EFFECTIVE DATE: This legislation would take effect ninety days after its enactment into law.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY12	FY Succeeding Effective FY13	Full Fiscal Impact FY12
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	\$0	\$0

IMPACT ON REVENUES: It is estimated that there would be no impact on revenues resulting from the enactment of this legislation.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation. Although, the proposed legislation requires the Department to create snow plowing and removal plans for each borough, it is presumed that it would be compiled by existing agency staff.

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO COVER ESTIMATED COSTS: Not applicable

SOURCE OF INFORMATION: City Council Finance Division
Mayor's Office of Legislative Affairs

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HISTORY: On March 9, 2011, a joint hearing of the Committees on Sanitation and Solid Waste, Public Safety, and Transportation was held on a pre-considered version of this bill, which was laid over. The legislation was subsequently introduced to the full Council on March 23, 2011 as Int. 517 and referred to the Committee on Sanitation. An amended version of the legislation, Proposed Intro. 517-A, will be considered by the Committee on April 6th, 2011.