



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

PROPOSED INTRO. NO: 287-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 reducing department of sanitation street cleaning days.

SPONSORS: Council Members Members Lander; Gonzalez; Williams; Rodriguez; James; Koppell; Foster; Vacca; Vallone, Jr.; Crowley; Nelson; Gennaro; Halloran III

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: This legislation would amend Chapter 1 of title 16 of the Administrative Code by adding a new section 16-111.1 entitled “Reductions in street cleaning.” It would require the Department of Sanitation (“Department”) to reduce the weekly scheduled frequency of street cleaning by one day in qualifying sanitation districts, or portions thereof, where the Community Board submits a written request for such action.

To qualify, a sanitation district must have Alternate Side Parking (ASP) more than one day a week, and the district must have an average cleanliness acceptability rating of 90 percent or more for the two fiscal years prior to the request. Cleanliness ratings are conducted as part of the Mayor’s Office of Operations’ scorecard program.

Community Boards would be expected to notify “major utilities and communications providers” that “provide services to 500,000 or more households citywide” prior to submitting written request for the reduction in street cleaning. This would allow the Community Board to consider the impact such a request might have on the installation, repair and maintenance of critical infrastructure in the sanitation district.

Reductions in street cleaning under this legislation would not apply to metered streets, or those sections of sanitation districts where street cleaning occurs between the hours of midnight and 6:00 AM.

The legislation outlines cleanliness benchmarks that, if not met, would allow the Department to resume more frequent street cleanings.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This legislation would take effect immediately upon its enactment into law.

FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH FULL FISCAL IMPACT ANTICIPATED: Fiscal 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

	Effective FY11	FY Succeeding Effective FY12	Full Fiscal Impact FY12
Revenues (-)	\$0	(\$2,800,000)	(\$2,800,000)
Expenditures (+)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net	\$0	(\$2,800,000)	(\$2,800,000)

IMPACT ON REVENUES: Enactment of this legislation would impact revenues negatively, as ASP generates significant revenue from the ticketing of vehicles. However, it is anticipated that redeployed Traffic Enforcement Agents (TEAs) would be able to recover any potential lost revenue through the issuance of non-ASP summonses or ASP summonses in other sanitation districts. It is thought that Sanitation Enforcement

Agents would have a more difficult time making up the lost revenue via other forms of ticketing.

In Fiscal Year 2012 sanitation districts with alternate side parking for two days were planned to generate \$26.3 million. If all districts with two days of ASP were cut back to one day, revenues would be cut by \$13.1 million. Of the planned total revenue, however, \$10.3 million was to be generated by TEAs, and only \$2.8 million by Sanitation Enforcement Agents.

At most, therefore, we would anticipate that this legislation would cost \$2.8 million in lost revenue.

Because sanitation districts must first qualify, and second, Community Board's must request a service reduction, the fiscal impact may be significantly less than \$2.8 million.

The Council also acknowledges that there might be some long-term savings in having reduced street cleaning due to streamlined routes and staffing reductions.

IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES: There would be no impact on expenditures resulting from the enactment of this legislation. The updating street signs to reflect new schedules would be covered by the existing sign replacement budget.

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

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HISTORY: The legislation was introduced to the full Council on June 29, 2010 as Int. No. 287 and referred to the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management (the "Committee"). On November 9, 2010, a joint hearing of the Committee and the Committee on Transportation was held on this bill, and Int. Nos. 113 and 375. All three bills were laid over. An amended version of the legislation, Proposed Int. 287-A, will be considered by the Committee on April 28, 2011.