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..Title

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to tree health assessments and inspections

..Body

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-157 to read as follows:

§ 18-157 Tree inspections and health assessments. a. The department shall inspect each tree under its jurisdiction, to determine if any issue threatens the health of such tree or causes such tree to pose a threat to public safety, at least once between each time each tree is pruned by the department or pruned by a person authorized by the department for the maintenance of such tree, provided that any pruning conducted solely for the maintenance or preservation of utility infrastructure shall not toll such time period.

b. The department shall post on its website a description of the process used and the factors considered by the department, or by any person authorized by the department, to determine when inspections are performed on trees under the jurisdiction of the department in order to assess the health of such trees.

c. No later than November 1 of each year, the department shall, for the period covering the immediately preceding fiscal year, submit an annual report to the mayor and the speaker of the council that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The total number and location of all trees inspected by the department or person authorized by the department, the result of such inspection and the action taken by the department in response to such inspection result;

2. The number and location of trees for which an inspection was requested or referred through the 311 citizen service center or other means and the number of such trees that were inspected by the department or a person authorized by the department;

3. The date of each referral or request for a tree inspection and the reason, if any, that was provided for such referral or request;

4. The action taken by the department in response to each request or referral for inspection and the date such action was taken; and

5. A regularly updated map on the website of the department that displays each inspected tree, the result of such inspection and the action taken by the department in response to the result of such inspection.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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