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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to school recycling.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter three of title 16 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby amended by adding a new section 16-307.1 to read as follows:

§ 16-307.1 School recycling. a. Definitions. As used in this section

1. "Public and private school" shall mean any education facility within the city of New

York that is comprised of any combination of grades K-12 and is operated by the department of education or

any private entity that has been chartered by the New York state board of regents and receives solid waste collection service from the department.

2. “Recyclable materials” shall mean any materials designated by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter that households must source separate and the department must collect for recycling.

3. “Mechanized collection” shall mean collection service where designated recyclable materials are placed in containers for mechanized collection which on collection day are then mechanically lifted by and emptied into collection vehicles.

b. No later than September first two thousand eight and every September first thereafter, the department shall supply to every public and private school:

1. a sufficient number of bins for the collection of recyclable materials of appropriate size to be placed in each classroom, office, cafeteria, gymnasium or other public space within the school;

2. a sufficient number of signs and educational materials indicating what materials are to be recycled and how recycling is to be done; and

3. a sufficient number of containers to collect and store the recyclable materials collected within the school until collection by the department.

c. The department shall collect recyclable materials from each school weekly on a schedule to be determined by the department.

d. The department shall supply to each school that on a weekly basis collects sufficient recyclable materials to warrant a mechanized collection, a container for such mechanized collection and mechanized collection of such recyclable materials on a schedule to be determined by the department.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

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