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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the posting of signs notifying operators of bicycles, bicycles with electric assist, and electric scooters of the prohibition against operating such devices on sidewalks, park walkways, and boardwalks, and of related fines and penalties

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-176.4 to read as follows:

§ 19-176.4 Signs prohibiting riding on sidewalks. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section:

Bicycle. The term “bicycle” has the same meaning as in paragraph 1 of subdivision a of section 19-176.

Bicycle with electric assist. The term “bicycle with electric assist” has the same meaning as in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

Blockface. The term “blockface” has the same meaning as in section 19-167.

Disability. The term “disability” has the same meaning as in section 8-102.

Electric scooter. The term “electric scooter” has the same meaning as in section 114-e of the vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

Senior pedestrian zone. The term “senior pedestrian zone” has the same meaning as in section 19-183.1.

Sidewalk. The term “sidewalk” has the same meaning as in paragraph 2 of subdivision a of section 19-176.

b. Posting of signs required. The department shall post signs on the blockface of sidewalks within the city. The signs shall contain information notifying persons operating bicycles, bicycles with electric assist, and

electric scooters that they are prohibited from operating on sidewalks, as provided in subdivision b of section 19-176 and in paragraph a of subdivision 5 of section 1242 and paragraph a of subdivision 7 of section 1282 of the vehicle and traffic law. Such signs shall also contain information about the fines and penalties for violations, as provided in subdivisions b and c of section 19-176, and subdivision 12 of section 1242 and subdivision 11 of section 1282 of the vehicle and traffic law. All such signs shall have information printed in English and Spanish, and any other languages that are predominant in the area where the sign is posted.

c. The department shall post at least 500 such signs within 5 years after the effective date of this section, at a rate of no fewer than 100 such signs per year. The department may select the sidewalks on which such signs will be posted but shall prioritize (i) locations that have a high incidence of death, injury, or property damage in connection with operation of bicycles, bicycles with electric assist, or electric scooters on sidewalks; (ii) senior pedestrian zones; and (iii) locations where there are large concentrations of persons with disabilities.

§ 2. Section 18-122 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new subdivisions a-1 and c to read as follows:

a-1. Definitions. For purposes of this section:

Bicycle. The term “bicycle” has the same meaning as in paragraph 1 of subdivision a of section 19-176.

Bicycle with electric assist. The term “bicycle with electric assist” has the same meaning as in section 102-c of the vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

Disability. The term “disability” has the same meaning as in section 8-102.

Electric scooter. The term “electric scooter” has the same meaning as in section 114-e of the vehicle and traffic law or successor provision.

Elevated boardwalk. The term “elevated boardwalk” has the same meaning as in section 18-108.2.

Senior pedestrian zone. The term “senior pedestrian zone” has the same meaning as in section 19-183.1.

Walkway. The term “walkway” means a paved walkway under the purview of the department.

c. Posting of signs required. 1. The department shall post signs along park walkways, beach boardwalks,

and other spaces overseen by the department where there are paved walkways within the city. The signs shall contain information notifying persons operating bicycles, bicycles with electric assist, and electric scooters that they are prohibited from operating on such walkways and boardwalks and must ride in designated areas as prescribed by section 18-122. All signs shall have information printed in English and Spanish, and any other languages that are predominant in the area where the sign is posted.

2. The department shall post at least 500 such signs within 5 years after the effective date of this subdivision, at a rate of no fewer than 100 such signs per year. The department may select the park walkways, boardwalks, and other walkways overseen by the department on which such signs will be posted but shall prioritize (i) locations that have a high incidence of death, injury, or property damage in connection with operation of bicycles, bicycles with electric assist, or electric scooters on such walkways and boardwalks; (ii) senior pedestrian zones; and (3) locations where there are large concentrations of persons with disabilities.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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