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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that all restaurants have Braille and large print menus available upon request.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter one of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-198 to read as follows:

§ 17-198 Availability of Braille and large print menus in restaurants. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

1. “Braille” means a system that enables blind and visually impaired people to read through touch as defined by the Braille Authority of North America.

2. “Large print” means a typeface which is a minimum of 18 points.

3. “Owner or operator” shall have the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 17-178.

4. “Restaurant” shall have the same meaning as set forth in subdivision a of section 17-178.

b. Braille and large print menus required. The owner or operator of a restaurant shall have available Braille and large print menus of their main meal items in such reasonable quantities dependent upon seating capacity of restaurant as determined by the department by rule. A restaurant may choose to also print menu specials in Braille or large print. All Braille and large print menus shall be readily available upon request.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

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