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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the installation of pedestrian lighting on step streets

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 19-188.3 to read as follows:

§ 19-188.3 Lighting on step streets. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Pedestrian lighting fixture. The term “pedestrian lighting fixture” means a lighting fixture specifically designed to illuminate walking surfaces for pedestrians.

Step street. The term “step street” means a public, open-air staircase for pedestrians that connects two streets at different elevations.

Sufficient Lighting. The term “sufficient lighting” means that the level of illumination is at least 1 footcandle (11 lux), measured at the level of the walking surface, along the entire length of the step street.

b. Each calendar year, beginning with the first calendar year that commences after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the commissioner shall install pedestrian lighting fixtures on at least 25 step streets such that each step street has sufficient lighting. The commissioner may cease installing pedestrian lighting fixtures once every step street has sufficient lighting.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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