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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to organic waste recycling by city agencies

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 16-307 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 36 for the year 2010, is amended to read as follows:

a. The commissioner shall adopt, amend and implement rules, as necessary, governing the source separation or post-collection separation, collection, processing, marketing, and sale of designated recyclable materials including, but not limited to, designated metal, glass, plastic, [and] paper, and organic waste generated by any agency, as such term is defined in section 1-112 of the code.

§ 2. Section 16-307 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term "organic waste" means any material found in the waste stream that can be broken down into, or otherwise become part of, usable compost, such as food scraps, soiled paper, and plant trimmings, that is produced via meal service or institutional feeding. As determined by the commissioner, such term may also include disposable plastic food service ware and bags that meet the ASTM International standard specifications for compostable plastics, but shall not include liquids and textiles.

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

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