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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to tree maintenance prioritization

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-104.1 to read as follows:

§ 18-104.1 Trees and vegetation; prioritization of maintenance. a. The commissioner shall develop criteria, including a rating system, for the prioritization of maintenance of trees within the commissioner's jurisdiction. The criteria shall include the following:

1. The likelihood that a tree or limb is in imminent danger of falling and causing harm to a person or to property;

2. The potential for damage that a falling tree or limb may cause to nearby persons or property;

3. Where, in the event that a tree or limb has already fallen, the potential exists for further damage to persons or property should the tree or limb not be removed in a timely manner; and

4. Whether a tree limb is within, or will imminently be within, a distance of 5 feet from any building or structure.

b. Upon the creation of the criteria described in subdivision a of this section, the department shall post on its website a description of the process used and the factors considered by the department, and by any person authorized by the department, to determine how tree maintenance is prioritized.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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