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12/18/2025	*	Committee on Economic Development	Amended by Committee	
12/18/2025	A	Committee on Economic Development	Approved by Committee	Pass
12/18/2025	A	City Council	Approved by Council	Pass
12/18/2025	A	City Council	Sent to Mayor by Council	
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Int. No. 1149-A

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-305 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. Within the Whitehall terminal in the borough of Manhattan and the St. George terminal in the borough of Staten Island, the department shall:

(i) Post, in English and the designated citywide languages, a notice stating that access to any city owned and operated ferry operating between such terminals is free of charge for all passengers; and

(ii) Make service information for such ferry, such as ferry schedules, as determined by the department, available in the designated citywide languages via a quick response code posted in each such terminal, or on the department's website. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "designated citywide languages" has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

§ 2. The heading of section 19-308 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 47 for the year 2023, is amended to read as follows:

[Fares for contracted] Contracted ferry service.

§ 3. Subdivision a of section 19-308 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new definition of "designated citywide languages" in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Designated citywide languages. The term "designated citywide languages" has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

§ 4. Section 19-308 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. At a landing where a person boards or disembarks a contracted ferry service, the administering agency or a third-party operator of such contracted ferry service shall:

(i) Post service information such as ferry fares and schedules, as determined by the administering

agency, in English, Spanish, and any other language spoken by a limited English proficiency population in the service area of such landing as determined pursuant to guidance issued by the federal transit administration regarding title VI of the civil rights act of 1964; and

(ii) Make such information available in the designated citywide languages via a quick response code posted at such landing, or on the administering agency's website.

§ 5. This local law takes effect on January 1, 2027.

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