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Int. No. 406

By Council Members Chin, Garodnick, Koppell, Lander, Palma, Rose, Williams, Nelson and Mendez

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to low pollen trees.

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 18-140 to read as follows:

§18-140 Tree pollination standards and planting. On or before July 1, 2011, the department shall adopt a standard for determining which trees shall be classified as low, moderate and high pollen trees, shall present such classifications of trees to the council and shall post such classifications on the department's website. On or before January 1, 2012, the commissioner shall submit to the council a plan to increase the percentage of low pollen trees, or shall state in writing why the commissioner does not plan on increasing the number of low pollen trees. On or before January 1, 2014 and every two years thereafter, the commissioner shall update such plan or shall state in writing why the commissioner does not plan on increasing the number of low pollen trees.

On April 1, 2012 and every April 1 thereafter, the commissioner shall report to the council on the number and percentage of low pollen trees respectively, that were planted by the department during the immediately preceding calendar year and that are under the jurisdiction of the department. Should the percentage of low pollen trees planted the previous year that are under the jurisdiction of the department be less than fifty percent of the total number of trees planted, or be a lower percentage of the total number of trees that were planted in the year prior, the commissioner shall include in the report the reasons for the reduced percentage.

§2. This law shall take effect immediately.

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