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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to posting public notices in multiple languages.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-198 to read as follows:

§ 17-198 Public Notices. a. For the purposes of this section the term “covered languages” means the top six limited-English proficiency languages spoken by the population of New York city, as those languages are determined by the department of city planning, based on the United States census data.

b. Any material, order, or notice posted or required to be posted by the department at any outdoor public location to inform the public of any health alerts shall at a minimum be in English and the top two most commonly spoken covered languages in the zip code where such notice is posted. The department, in conjunction with the department of city planning, shall determine the most commonly spoken covered languages in each zip code.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect 120 days after its enactment, provided that the commissioner may take such actions as necessary prior to such effective date for the implementation of this local law including the promulgation of rules.

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