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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring advertising and other materials pertaining to public events to include information regarding accessibility for people with disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 10 of title 23 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 23-1003 to read as follows:

§ 23-1003 Notification of accessibility for events open to the public. a. For the purposes of this section, “events open to the public” shall mean any event to which members of the general public are invited, whether for a fee or complimentary, hosted by a city agency, except that community boards and community district education councils may comply with the provisions of this section if practicable.

b. Agencies shall encourage contracted entities to comply with the requirements of subdivisions c and d of this section for events hosted by such entities.

c. All advertisements, posters, invitations, and other publicity materials for events open to the public, whether in print or via electronic means, shall contain information regarding who to contact for information regarding accessibility for people with disabilities at the event and a deadline for when requests for accommodations for people with disabilities must be received by the organizer of the event.

d. All materials described in subdivision c of this section, to the extent practicable for the selected form of media, shall include information regarding the availability of:

1. wheelchair accessibility at the venue or venues for the event, which shall be designated by the symbol provided for in section one hundred one of the executive law, or successor symbol;

2. communication access real-time translation, which shall be designated by the letters “C-A-R-T”; sign language interpretation at the event for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, which shall be designated by the international symbol or successor symbol to indicate the availability of sign language interpretation; or any other technology or service for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, at the venue or venues for the event;

3. assistive listening systems for people with hearing loss at the venue or venues for the event, which shall be designated by the international symbol of access for hearing loss or successor symbol, and when available, the specific kind of system, including, but not limited to, induction loop assistive listening systems; and

4. any other accommodations for people with disabilities that will be available at the venue or venues for the event, which shall be indicated by the relevant international symbol if applicable.

e. The mayor’s office for people with disabilities shall develop, make available on its website, and distribute to each agency, and members of the public upon request, a guide to assist agencies in notifying the public about the availability of, and responding to requests for, reasonable accommodations described in subdivision d of this section. The guide shall contain a comprehensive list of common disability access symbols, and shall be periodically updated as appropriate.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the mayor’s office for people with disabilities shall take such actions as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to such date.

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