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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the city to prepare a plan to prevent sewer system backups

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 5 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-503.1 to read as follows:

§ 24-503.1 Plan to prevent sewer backups. a. As used in this section:

Sewer system. The term “sewer system” shall mean all sewers, drains, pipes and appurtenances owned, operated or maintained by the city and used to convey sewage.

Sewer backup. The term “sewer backup” means a non-permitted release of sewage from the sewer system.

b. By no later than December 31, 2018, the commissioner of environmental protection shall submit to the mayor and the council, and post on the department of environmental protection’s website, a plan to prevent sewer backups. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. A general cleaning and maintenance schedule for the sewer system;
2. An identification of areas with, on average, more than one sewer backup in a twelve month period;
3. A targeted cleaning and maintenance schedule for areas with, on average, more than one sewer backup in a twelve month period;
4. A schedule for the citywide roll out of remote sewer monitoring devices;
5. A citywide assessment of the impact of fats, oils and grease on the sewer system; and

6. A citywide root control strategy.

§ 2. This local law takes effect ninety days after it becomes law.

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