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By Council Members Reynoso, Salamanca, Rodriguez, Chin, Kallos and Vallone

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring agencies to notify a food rescue organization before disposing of food

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 3 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-323.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-323.1 Notification concerning seizure of food. In the event that an agency seizes food when an employee or agent of the department of health and mental hygiene is present and determines that such food meets the sanitary requirements in the New York city health code, such agency shall, before disposing of such food, notify at least one food rescue organization that such organization may retrieve all or part of such food at such organization's expense. For the purposes of this section, the term "food rescue organization" means an organization that (i) retrieves, stores or distributes food that would otherwise be discarded, donated food or donated grocery products and (ii) donates such food or such grocery products to individuals, distributes such food or such grocery products to other food rescue organizations or otherwise distributes such food or such grocery products in connection with a food emergency program, food donation program or similar program.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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