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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the undertaking of surveys before planting trees

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 18-103 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 18-103 Trees and vegetation; definitions. Whenever the word "street" or the plural thereof occurs in sections 18-104, 18-105, [and] 18-106 and 18-155 of this title, it shall be deemed to include all that is included by the terms street, avenue, road, alley, lane, highway, boulevard, concourse, public square, and public place, or the plurals thereof respectively; the word "tree" or the plural thereof shall be deemed to include all forms of plants having permanent woody self-supporting trunks; the word "vegetation" shall be deemed to include plants collectively of whatever name or nature not included under the term "tree".

§ 2. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-155 to read as follows:

§ 18-155 Tree planting survey. Before the commencement of planting a tree on any street or sidewalk under the jurisdiction of the department, the department shall conduct a survey of the area within a 10-foot radius of the proposed tree planting site to determine whether planting the tree would interfere with the ordinary usage of the street or sidewalk, or injure or impair any sewer, drain, water pipe or other infrastructure. If the results of such survey show that planting a tree at a particular site would cause substantial interference

with, injury to or impairment of a street, sidewalk or infrastructure, the department shall not plant a tree at such site. The results of any such survey shall be posted on the department's website.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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