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By Council Member Rodriguez

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring stores and banks to recycle receipts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 4 of title 20 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 13 to read as follows:

Subchapter 13

Paper Receipts

§ 20-699.7 Definitions.

§ 20-699.8 Applicability.

§ 20-699.9 Non-recyclable receipts prohibited.

§ 20-699.10 Recycling receptacles required.

§ 20-699.11 Penalties.

§ 20-699.7 Definitions. As used in this subchapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

ATM. The term “ATM” is an acronym that means automated teller machine.

Bank ATM. The term “bank ATM” means a device that is linked to accounts and records of a banking or other financial institution and that enables consumers to conduct banking transactions, including but not limited to cash withdrawals, and is located indoors and on premises that are under a banking or other financial institution’s dominion and control.

Non-recyclable material. The term “non-recyclable material” means material that is not recyclable by the city or its designated contractors in charge of recycling.

Receipt. The term “receipt” means a mechanically produced record of a commercial transaction.

Recycling center. The term “recycling center” has the same meaning as in section 16-303.

Small store. The term “small store” means any retail or wholesale establishment that sells goods or provides services to consumers and occupies under 4,000 square feet of retail or wholesale space, excluding storage space.

Store. The term “store” means any retail or wholesale establishment that sells goods or provides services to consumers.

§ 20-699.8 Applicability. a. This subchapter does not apply to receipts that are printed by an end user.

b. This subchapter does not apply to receipts issued by small stores.

§ 20-699.9 Non-recyclable receipts prohibited. No person may print or issue a receipt on a non-recyclable material.

§ 20-699.10 Recycling receptacles required. a. A store or operator of a bank ATM that issues paper receipts shall maintain a clearly labeled receptacle for the disposal of recyclable paper in a conspicuous place within 15 feet of the location where paper receipts are issued.

b. A store or operator of a bank ATM that is required to maintain a receptacle pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall ensure that paper disposed of in such receptacle is given into the custody of a recycling center that is capable of recycling the paper that the store or operator of a bank ATM uses for issuing receipts.

§ 20-699.11 Penalties. a. A store or operator of a bank ATM that violates this subchapter is subject to civil penalties as follows:

1. For a first offense, a civil penalty of not less than \$100 and not more than \$150.

2. For a second offense and for each subsequent offense, a civil penalty of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000.

b. Multiple violations occurring on the same day constitute a single offense for purposes of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on January 1 of the year following the year in which it becomes law, except that if this local law becomes law between September 1 and December 1, then it takes effect on July 1 of the year following the year in which it becomes law. The commissioner of sanitation shall take any measures necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before it takes effect.

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