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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of small business services to assess the state of storefront businesses

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 10 of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 22-1003 to read as follows:

§ 22-1003 State of storefront businesses. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Storefront business assessment. The term "storefront business assessment" means an analysis of a community district's storefront business environment, including, but not limited to, the following factors:

- (i) district demographics;
- (ii) number of storefront businesses;
- (iii) types of storefront businesses and consumer spending by each such type;
- (iv) number of vacant storefront properties;
- (v) physical conditions of storefront properties;
- (vi) built environment;
- (vii) community involvement, strengths, challenges, and opportunities;
- (viii) opportunities for promoting a vibrant mix of commercial uses and improving the built environment; and

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(ix) a survey of storefront business owners.

Storefront business. The term "storefront business" means a business predominantly involved in the sale of goods and/or services directly to the public, which is accessible directly from the street.

b. Beginning July 1, 2018 and no less frequently than once every five years thereafter, the department shall complete a storefront business assessment in every community district in the city.

c. No later than July 1, 2023 and no less frequently than once every five years thereafter, the department shall aggregate all storefront business assessments into a citywide storefront business assessment covering the entire area of the city of New York.

d. The department shall post on its website each storefront business assessment, each aggregated storefront business assessment, and all disaggregated survey data underlying each storefront business assessment.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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