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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring community notification when a bike share station is installed or relocated

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-160 to read as follows:

§ 19-160 Community notification. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Bike share. The term "bike share" means the provision of public bicycles for shared use within the city under a contract with an operator that permits payment for the use of such bicycles.

Docking station. The term "docking station" means an automated self-service terminal that provides bicycle rental instructions, contains equipment for the acceptance of payment, and locking mechanisms for storage of bicycles between rentals.

b. When the department of transportation approves the installation of a new docking station, the commissioner shall provide notifications through signage and flyers displayed in the affected areas before installation and on the department's website and social media accounts, describing the site and effective date to the council member and community board in the affected areas.

c. When the department of transportation approves the relocation of a docking station, the commissioner shall provide notifications through signage and flyers displayed in the affected areas and on the department's website and social media accounts, describing the original site, relocated site and effective date to:

1. The council member and community board in the affected areas; and

2. Bike share program participants who utilize the relocated site.

d. Such notification shall be provided to the community residents immediately upon approval of the new station or relocation request, except where such new station or relocation was in response to an emergency.

e. Nothing in this section modifies a bike share operator's duties and obligations pursuant to an agreement with the department.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner of transportation may take such measures as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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