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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to removing vehicles obstructing a sidewalk, crosswalk, fire hydrant, bicycle lane, or bus lane

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 20-511 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 20-511. Removal of vehicles obstructing traffic. a. When a vehicle is situated so as to constitute an obstruction to traffic, and such vehicle is unattended or the person in charge of such vehicle has not arranged for its removal, a police officer or a person designated by the commissioner of transportation may direct its removal by a person licensed to engage in towing, and such licensee shall remove such vehicle to a storage facility which meets the specifications established by the commissioner by regulation pursuant to section 20-508 of this subchapter. Such licensee shall be entitled to charge the person in charge of the vehicle for towing and storage, and where applicable, for the rendering of services to prepare the vehicle for towing at the rates set forth or authorized by section 20-509 of this subchapter.

b. When a vehicle is situated so as to constitute an obstruction of a sidewalk, crosswalk, fire hydrant, bicycle lane, or bus lane and such vehicle is unattended or the person in charge of such vehicle has not arranged for its immediate removal, a police officer or a person designated by the commissioner of transportation or the police commissioner shall direct its removal by a person licensed to engage in towing, and such licensee shall remove such vehicle to a storage facility which meets the specifications established by the commissioner by

regulation pursuant to section 20-508 of this subchapter. Such licensee shall be entitled to charge the person in charge of the vehicle for towing and storage, and where applicable, for the rendering of services to prepare the vehicle for towing at the rates set forth or authorized by section 20-509 of this subchapter. This subdivision shall not apply to a city vehicle obstructing a bicycle lane, bus lane, sidewalk, crosswalk, or fire hydrant while the operator of such vehicle is in the process of responding or preparing to respond to an incident posing a hazard to health and safety or a risk of damage to property.

§ 2. This local law takes effect in 30 days.

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