



Legislation Text

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the city to prepare a plan to prevent confirmed sewer backups

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-503.2 to read as follows:

§ 24-503.2 Plan to prevent confirmed sewer backups for the sewer system. a. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Confirmed sewer backup. The term “confirmed sewer backup” means a sewer backup complaint that, upon field investigation by the department, is confirmed to be associated with a condition in a sewer system. Such conditions may include surcharging, temporary overtaxing, blockages, or collapses.

Sewer system. The term “sewer system” means all sewers, drains, pipes and appurtenances used to convey sewage and under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of environmental protection.

b. No later than December 31, 2019, the commissioner of environmental protection shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department of environmental protection’s website, a plan to prevent confirmed sewer backups for the sewer system. Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. Confirmed sewer backup prevention and response measures;
2. An identification of areas with, on average, more than one confirmed sewer backup in a 12-month period;

3. Procedures targeting reductions in confirmed sewer backups in the portions of the sewer system most heavily impacted;

4. Procedures targeting reductions in recurring confirmed sewer backups;

5. A review of root control strategies of other municipalities; and following such review, the department may recommend root control strategies for private property owners; and

6. A comprehensive grease management program including commercial establishments and residential households.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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