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By Council Members Levin and Rosenthal

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to outreach to unsheltered individuals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-324 to read as follows:

§ 21-324 Outreach to unsheltered individuals. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Outreach. The term “outreach” means engaging in contact with or offering services to unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness, including but not limited to the removal of an individual’s personal property.

Unsheltered individual. The term “unsheltered individual” means an individual with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

b. Outreach to unsheltered individuals by any government agency shall not include any involvement by the police department and shall be limited to department staff or staff contracted by the department to contact and offer services to unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, provided that the commissioner may take all actions necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, before such effective date.

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