



Legislation Text

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By Council Members Brannan and Koslowitz

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating a water meter database

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 4 of chapter 3 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-368 to read as follows:

§ 24-368 Database of water meters. a. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of chapter 5 of title 23, the commissioner of environmental protection shall create and maintain a searchable online database through which members of the public who register and pay a periodic subscription fee, as established by the department, may access information about commercial, residential and industrial water meters and flat-rate accounts. Such database shall be available on or through the city's website, in a non-proprietary format that permits automated processing, have the ability to produce reports by query, be accessible through an application programming interface and include all non-confidential information maintained in connection with each water meter, including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Water meter number, as designated by the 8-digit serial number on the meter;
2. Date of every bill issued for the water meter;
3. Value of every water meter reading recorded by the department;
4. Total amount of water used as of the most recent water meter reading;
5. Amount of money the owner of the water meter owes;
6. Average daily flow, in cubic feet, since the most recent water meter reading;

7. Date the water meter was installed;

8. Date the water meter was sealed, if any;

9. Size of the water meter, in cubic feet;

10. Location of the water meter at the property;

11. Department's description of the water meter;

12. Cumulative late payment charges;

13. Cumulative denial-of-access fees; and

14. Cumulative theft-of-service fees.

b. The database shall continue to include the information required by subdivision a for any water meter that has been replaced.

c. The database shall include the information required by subdivision a starting from January 1, 1996 or the date the water meter was installed, whichever is later.

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