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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to the goal of zero waste to landfill

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 3 of title 16 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 16-316.5 to read as follows:

§ 16-316.5 Zero Waste plan and reporting. On or before July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a plan to send zero waste to landfill by 2030. On or before July 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the council a report on the city's progress toward the goal of sending zero waste to landfill pursuant to this section. The plan and each report shall include, but need not be limited to:

- a. A timeline to send zero waste to landfill, including annual targets for waste diversion, disaggregated by waste stream;
- b. Diversion rates for recyclable material collected curbside by the department, disaggregated by material and by community district;
- c. Diversion rates for recyclable materials that are not collected curbside, disaggregated by material;
- d. The department's plan to increase diversion, which shall include, but not be limited to strategies to increase diversion for each material, strategies to increase compliance with existing law and a description of all education and outreach programs available to the public and strategies to increase or update such education and outreach programs;

e. A plan for separate initiatives to increase diversion in residential buildings with various numbers of units, and buildings owned or operated by the New York city housing authority;

f. A plan for separate initiatives to increase diversion in commercial establishments;

g. A list and description of materials that are not easily diverted from landfill and strategies for eliminating such materials from the waste stream;

h. An analysis of the economic market for recyclable materials, disaggregated by material;

i. An analysis of current processing capacity for recyclable materials, disaggregated by material;

j. An analysis of current availability of capacity at landfills utilized by the city;

k. A plan to increase diversion of materials disposed of in public litter baskets; and

l. A plan to increase the reuse of materials that would otherwise be disposed of.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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