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By Council Members Reynoso and Menchaca

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to expanding commercial loading zones

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 2 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-170.1 to read as follows:

§ 19-170.1 Commercial loading zones. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Commercial loading zone. The term “commercial loading zone” means a portion of curb space at which no vehicle may stand or park, except a commercial vehicle for the purpose of making pickups, deliveries, or service calls pursuant to department rules and regulations, except where such space is a temporary commercial loading zone.

Commercial vehicle. The term “commercial vehicle” means a motor vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of property, provided that such vehicle:

(i) bears commercial plates, where commercial plates or equivalent registration plates from other states or countries are permissible for purposes of this section;

(ii) is permanently altered by having all seats and seat fittings, except the front seats, removed to facilitate the transportation of property, except that for vehicles designed with a passenger cab and a cargo area separated by a partition, the seating capacity within the cab will not be considered in determining whether the vehicle is properly altered.

(iii) displays the registrant's name permanently affixed in characters at least three inches high on both sides of the vehicle, with such display being in a color contrasting with that of the vehicle and placed approximately midway vertically on doors or side panels.

Large generator of truck traffic building. The term “large generator of truck traffic building” means a commercial building that is over 500,000 gross square feet in size.

Temporary commercial loading zone. The term “temporary commercial loading zone” means a commercial loading zone intended to be used for a limited period of time during which construction staging prevents or otherwise affects use of a commercial loading zone.

b. No later than June 1, 2022, the department shall designate as commercial loading zones at least 25 percent of curb space available for parking in census tracts with a population density of 75 people per acre or more, where such census tract includes at least one M1, M2, M3, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, R8, R9, or R10 zoning district as determined by the zoning resolution of the city of New York. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the department may determine that the designation of commercial loading zones in a particular census tract is not warranted because of existing access to loading berths or the existing availability of parking in which commercial vehicles are permitted.

c. 1. No later than December 1, 2021, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and publish on its website, a report on expanding commercial loading zones. Such report, shall include, at a minimum: (1) the percentage of curb space designated as commercial loading zones and the number of commercial loading zones implemented; and (2) a plan for full implementation of the requirements set forth in subdivision b, including a discussion of actual or proposed changes to curbside parking policies necessary for implementation. Such plan shall be developed in consultation with affected residents and representatives from affected businesses, business improvement districts, trucking companies, and owners of large generator of truck traffic buildings.

2. No later than June 1, 2022, the department shall submit to the speaker of the council and the mayor,

and publish on its website, a report detailing the full implementation of the requirements of subdivision b of this section, including changes made subsequent to the report issued pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision, any determination that the designation of commercial loading zones in a particular census tract is not warranted and a justification for such determination, and any recommendations for further expanding commercial loading zones citywide.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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