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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a centralized mobile application for accessing city services

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 23 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 13 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 13

ACCESS TO CITY SERVICES WITH MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

23-1301 Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings:

Commissioner. The term “commissioner” means the commissioner of information technology and telecommunications.

Department. The term “department” means the department of information technology and telecommunications.

23-1302 Mobile application; creation. a. The department shall create a mobile application capable of allowing members of the public to access services provided by a city agency.

b. The department, in collaboration with other agencies, shall provide public access through such application to all city services except services whose nature makes them insusceptible of access using mobile application technology.

23-1303 Accessibility. The department shall adopt an accessibility protocol for the mobile application required by this chapter to ensure the application is accessible for persons with disabilities.

23-1304 Encryption. The mobile application maintained by the department on behalf of the city or all city agencies shall encrypt all exchanges and transfers between a web server, maintained by or on behalf of the city or a city agency, and the mobile application and shall require web browsers to request such encrypted exchange or transfer at all times, provided that such encryption shall not be required if such exchanges or transfers are conducted in a manner that provides at least an equivalent level of confidentiality, data integrity and authentication.

23-1305 Open source software. Any custom software, web development service or mobile application created by the department in furtherance of this chapter shall be open source and publicly accessible, except as otherwise provided in the rules or policies of the department.

23-1306 Rules. The commissioner may promulgate rules in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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