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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the installation of food waste disposals in residential buildings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision b of section 24-518.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 71 for the year 1997, is amended to read as follows:

b. [Food waste disposals] Every kitchen sink that is installed in a dwelling unit in a private or multiple dwelling shall be equipped with a food waste disposal for the discharge of putrescible food wastes [from dwelling units] and a food waste disposal may be installed in private dwellings and in multiple dwellings, provided that:

1. all putrescible food wastes discharged to a sanitary sewer are discharged in fluid form and at a reasonably uniform rate so as to prevent clogging or stoppage of the drain line or sanitary sewer; and

2. the installation of such food waste disposals is approved by the department of buildings and is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the administrative code. However, where more than one sink is installed in a kitchen, only one of such sinks must be equipped with a food waste disposal.

§2. Table RS16-5 MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLUMBING FIXTURES REQUIRED of Reference Standard 16 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, is amended by adding at the end of the column titled “Other Fixtures” for the line beginning “Dwellings--one- and two-family”, new text to read as follows:

Other Fixtures

Where more than one sink is installed in a kitchen, only one of such sinks must be equipped with a food waste disposal.

§3. Table RS16-5 MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLUMBING FIXTURES REQUIRED of Reference Standard 16 of Title 27 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, is amended by adding at the end of the column titled "Other Fixtures" for the line beginning "Dwellings-multiple or apartment", new text to read as follows:

Other Fixtures

Where more than one sink is installed in a kitchen, only one of such sinks must be equipped with a food waste disposal.

§4. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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