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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to trauma scenes.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-193 to read as follows:

§ 17-193 Trauma scenes. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “City” shall mean the city of New York.
2. “City property” shall mean any property owned and managed by the city.
3. “Trauma” shall mean any serious physical injury or death.
4. “Trauma scene” shall mean any area where a trauma occurred that has been visibly contaminated by human blood or bodily fluids as a result of such trauma.
5. “Trauma scene management” shall mean the use of procedures and materials sufficient to clean and decontaminate a trauma scene and safely remove human blood or bodily fluids and other appropriate waste as determined by the department from such scene.

b. City property. The department shall establish guidelines for trauma scene management on city property that shall be followed by city agencies, subject to applicable emergency response protocols, which shall include, but not be limited to, procedures regarding:

1. the immediate restriction of access to a trauma scene;
2. the cleaning and decontamination of a trauma scene including, but not limited to, the application of appropriate disinfectants to such scene; and
3. the removal of any waste, including but not limited to, waste generated from cleaning and decontamination activities and the disposal of such waste in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines.

c. Property other than city property. The department shall establish guidelines for trauma scene management on property other than city property within the city and post such guidelines on an appropriate website. Where a trauma scene occurs on or within any portion of such property, a member of the police department or fire department responding to such scene shall inform the owner, resident or occupant of such property that such guidelines may be obtained by calling 311 or accessing the website established by the city for such purpose. Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to:

1. guidelines for trauma scene management established pursuant to subdivision b of this section and modified, where appropriate, to include procedures for trauma scene management that may be undertaken by such owner, resident or occupant on such property;

2. contact information for the New York state crime victims board and information indicating how such owner, resident or occupant can apply to such board for financial assistance to help cover the cost of professional clean up of a trauma scene, including how application forms can be obtained at the board's local office or website;

3. contact information for any organization that certifies professional trauma scene clean-up companies in the New York city area; and

4. a statement indicating that private insurance might cover the cost of professional clean-up of a trauma scene and that such owner, resident or occupant should contact his or her insurance carrier for further information.

d. Rules. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after enactment.

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