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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring a recycling program for all dry cleaning establishments.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title sixteen of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter four-c to read as follows:

CHAPTER 4-C

§16-470 Definitions

§16-471 Hanger reuse or recycling program.

§16-472 Penalties.

§16-470 Definitions. When used in this chapter:

a. “Dry cleaning establishment” means any place of business located within the city of New York that either as its sole business or as part of its business accepts clothing or other materials from the public for cleaning by the use of solvents other than water.

b. “Consumer” means any person who receives a hanger from a dry cleaning establishment.

c. “Operator” means a person, firm or corporation that owns or is in control of, or has responsibility for, the daily operation of a dry cleaning establishment.

§16-471 Hanger reuse or recycling program. a. Any person may return a hanger to a dry cleaning establishment for reuse or recycling that distributes hangers to its customers.

b. Every dry cleaning establishment shall accept from consumers at any time during normal business hours hangers of a similar composition to those which the dry cleaning establishment distributes to consumers for their reuse or recycling.

c. Every dry cleaning establishment shall conspicuously post and maintain, at or near the point of entry to the place of business, a sign, not less than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches in size, stating in legible writing that hangers of a similar composition to the hangers distributed by the dry cleaning establishment may be returned to the dry cleaning establishment for reuse or recycling. Such sign shall state the following in letters at least one-inch in height: “Used hangers should be recycled. We accept them here.”

§16-472 Penalties. a. Any person who violates the provisions of section 16-471 of this chapter shall be liable for a civil penalty recoverable in a proceeding before the environmental control board in the amount of five hundred dollars for the first violation, and one thousand dollars for a second or subsequent violation committed within any twelve-month period.

§2. This local law shall take effect six months after it is enacted.

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