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By Council Members Menin, Nurse, Brewer, Louis, Krishnan and Sanchez

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring rulemaking to register community gardens on privately-owned vacant lots

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-158 to read as follows:

§ 18-158 Urban gardening program. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Greenthumb garden. The term “greenthumb garden” means a community garden that is registered with greenthumb.

Greenthumb. The term “greenthumb” means the division within the department responsible for the city’s urban gardening program, including the implementation of chapter 6 of title 56 of the rules of the city of New York.

Vacant lot. The term “vacant lot” means any parcel of land on which no lawful structure exists and which is not otherwise being used for any lawful purpose.

b. Rules. The commissioner shall make rules to register greenthumb gardens located on privately-owned vacant lots. Such rules shall:

1. Include provisions for processing registration applications;
2. Set forth the terms and conditions of registration, and
3. Ensure that no garden is registered without the written consent of the owner of the real property

where such garden will be located.

c. The department shall administer the city's urban gardening program in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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