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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on evasion of photo-violation monitoring systems by motor vehicles with unreadable license plates

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-198.1 to read as follows:

§ 19-198.1 Photo-violation monitoring, unreadable license plates. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Camera violation. The term “camera violation” means a violation for which a notice of liability is authorized to be issued after being recorded by a photo violation-monitoring system pursuant to section 1111-a of the vehicle and traffic law, section 1180-b of the vehicle and traffic law or section 19-210.

Unreadable license plate. The term “unreadable license plate” means a license plate that a photo-violation monitoring system does not read because (i) a camera malfunctioned, (ii) such license plate’s number is concealed or obscured from such camera or (iii) such license plate produces a distorted recorded or photographic image on such camera.

b. Reporting. Beginning no later than 60 days after the effective date of this section, and monthly thereafter, the commissioner, in consultation with the police department and the department of finance, shall conspicuously post a report on camera violations by motor vehicles with unreadable license plates on the department’s website. By January 31 of each year, the commissioner shall submit the monthly reports for the

previous calendar year as a single report to the mayor and the speaker of the council. Such reports shall include, but need not be limited to, a list of each camera violation involving an unreadable license plate during the reporting period, with each separate row of such list referencing a unique such violation and providing the following information about each such violation set forth in separate columns:

1. The time and date that such violation occurred;
2. The intersection where such violation occurred;
3. The borough where such violation occurred;
4. Whether such violation involved a red light camera or a school speed camera;
5. Whether such license plate was unreadable because such camera malfunctioned; and
6. Whether such license plate was unreadable because such license plate was concealed or obscured

from such camera or produced a distorted recorded or photographic image on such camera, including, but not limited to, because such license plate was a paper license plate, had bent edges or had an artificial or synthetic material or substance applied to it.

c. Data dictionary. The report required pursuant to subdivision b of this section shall include a data dictionary.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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