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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the cleaning and maintenance of city property

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 2 of title 4 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 4-218 to read as follows:

§ 4-218 Cleaning and maintenance of city property. a. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

City property. The term “city property” means real property and physical structures owned by the city of New York including, but not limited to, roadways and sidewalks.

Cleaning. The term “cleaning” has its ordinary meaning and also includes weed removal, where appropriate, and snow removal when required for pedestrian and vehicular safety.

Park. The term “park” refers to public parks, beaches, waters, pools, boardwalks, playgrounds, recreation centers and all other property, buildings and facilities under the jurisdiction, charge or control of the department of parks and recreation.

Step street. The term “step street” means a city-owned staircase, whether mapped as a street or not, that leads from one sidewalk level to another.

b. The department of sanitation shall clean and maintain all center malls, traffic islands, triangles, medians, sitting areas, underpasses, overpasses, safety zones, step streets, throw-out areas at the end of dead-

end streets and pedestrian walkways and other strips of city property adjacent to streets. This subdivision shall not be construed to conflict with or lessen the department of parks and recreation's responsibility for maintaining trees and other forms of vegetation, pursuant to section 18-104.

c. The department of parks and recreation shall clean and maintain all areas and all city properties that are located entirely within the boundaries of any park except those properties located within the right-of-way of arterial highways which are the responsibility of the department of transportation. This subdivision shall not be construed to conflict with or lessen the department of sanitation's responsibility for snow removal, pursuant to section 16-124.

d. The department of transportation shall clean and maintain all areas and all city properties that are located on or along arterial highways, except those portions which run through parks which are the responsibility of the department of parks and recreation, including those areas and city properties which are part of exits and entrances to an arterial highway extending outward from the roadway until they reach a fence or other barrier designed to limit access to the main road, the curb of a street, service road or other roadway which is not an arterial highway or a cliff or steep embankment which restricts passage beyond that point. This subdivision shall not be construed to conflict with or lessen the department of sanitation's responsibility for snow removal, pursuant to section 16-124, or with the department of parks and recreation's responsibility for maintaining trees and other forms of vegetation, pursuant to section 18-104.

e. Each department specified in subdivisions b, c or d of this section shall develop and maintain a web-based application on its respective website to track such department's progress in cleaning and maintaining properties pursuant to such subdivisions b, c and d.

f. It shall be the responsibility of any agency or other governmental body having jurisdiction over any subway, railway or developed property to clean alongside such subway, railway or developed property. When cleaning of such areas or properties is not performed, the commissioner of sanitation shall order compliance as provided in subdivision c of section 753 of the charter.

g. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting or conflicting with any obligation pursuant to the highway law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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