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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an outreach campaign on gun buy-back programs

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-317 to read as follows:

§ 10-317 Outreach on gun buy-back programs. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” means the police department.

Gun. The term “gun” means a firearm, shotgun, rifle, assault weapon or antique firearm, as such terms are defined in section 10-301.

b. No later than 90 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department, in consultation with the office to prevent gun violence and relevant community organizations, shall conduct an outreach campaign to inform the public about each gun buy-back program event held by the department, whereby individuals may voluntarily surrender a working or non-working unloaded gun or parts thereof to the department in exchange for monetary compensation. Such outreach campaign shall be conducted citywide, and shall prioritize the communities most at risk for gun violence, as determined by the office to prevent gun violence.

c. The department shall implement a media campaign to inform the public about the department’s gun buy-back programs. Such media campaign shall be available on the internet, television, radio and in print.

d. The department shall post on its website and update as necessary information about gun buy-back programs, which shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. The dates and locations of any future gun buy-back program event to be held by the department;

2. The rules of any gun buy-back program, including that the department may not require individuals surrendering a gun or parts thereof to provide any identification or personally identifiable information, and that a person who surrenders a gun or parts thereof shall not be subject to criminal or civil penalties for unlawful possession of such gun or parts thereof surrendered, except as otherwise required by local, state or federal laws, rules or regulations; and

3. The name and contact information of any community organization working with the department to inform the public about a gun buy-back program.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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