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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of sanitation to install and fill dog waste bag dispensers on public litter baskets

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 16 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 16-144 to read as follows:

§ 16-144 Dog waste bag dispenser program. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as defined in subdivision a of section 23-1101.

Dog waste bag dispenser. The term “dog waste bag dispenser” means any container manufactured for the purpose of containing and dispensing dog waste bags.

Public litter basket. The term “public litter basket” means a basket, container, or receptacle placed in a public place by the department or its authorized agent for the public disposal of litter.

b. The commissioner shall install and fill dog waste bag dispensers on, or adjacent to, all public litter baskets. Each dog waste bag container shall be checked and refilled with dog waste bags as needed, but no less than once every week.

c. The commissioner, in collaboration with the department of health and mental hygiene, shall implement a public awareness campaign designed to educate the public on the negative public health

consequences associated with dog waste, the legal responsibility of a person who owns or controls a dog for picking up dog waste, and the associated penalties for violations. The campaign shall include virtual and in-person outreach in the designated citywide languages. The campaign shall continue for no less than 1 year or for such longer duration as the commissioner determines will further the goals of the campaign.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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