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By Council Members Brannan and Restler

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to increasing penalties on chain businesses for failure to remove snow, ice and dirt from sidewalks

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 16-123.1 to read as follows:

§16-123.1 Increased penalties for chain businesses for failure to remove snow, ice and dirt from sidewalks. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Chain business. The term “chain business” means any establishment that is part of a group of establishments that share a common owner or principal who owns at least thirty percent of each establishment where such establishments (i) engage in the same business or (ii) operate pursuant to franchise agreements with the same franchisor as defined in general business law section 681.

b. Notwithstanding the penalties contained in subdivision h of section 16-123, any chain business that violates the provisions of subdivisions a or b of section 16-123 shall be liable and responsible for a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for the first violation, except that for a second violation of either such subdivision within any 12-month period, such chain business shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$3,000 and for a third or subsequent violation of either such subdivision within any 12-month period, such chain business shall be liable for a civil penalty of not less than \$3,000 nor more than \$5,000. Penalties for the violations mentioned herein shall be imposed in lieu of, not in addition to, those fixed by subdivision h of section 16-123.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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