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By Council Members Menin, Abreu and Morano

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a decorative manhole cover program

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 24 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 24-370 to read as follows:

§ 24-370 Decorative manhole cover program. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” means the department of environmental protection.

Manhole cover. The term “manhole cover” means a removable metal plate forming a lid over a manhole.

b. The department, in consultation with the art commission pursuant to section 854 of the charter, shall establish a decorative manhole cover program. Pursuant to such program, the department shall establish a procedure to accept submissions from the public for decorative manhole cover designs. Of the designs submitted, the department shall select no less than 10 decorative manhole cover designs each year. Decorative manhole cover designs should be specific to the city of New York or to neighborhoods or boroughs within the city of New York, and may incorporate local culture, famous persons, symbols, and other elements as determined by the department.

c. Decorative manhole covers must comply with all applicable laws and sewer design standards prepared by the department, as well as any other specifications stipulated by the department.

d. Decorative manhole covers selected pursuant to this program shall comprise no less than 10% of the manhole covers installed by the department in each fiscal year for 5 years following the effective date of this section.

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

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