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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prioritization of maintenance of trees adjacent to buildings and structures

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 18-105.2 to read as follows:

§ 18-105.2 Trees adjacent to buildings. a. The department shall develop criteria, including a rating system, for the prioritization for maintenance of any tree that is: (i) under the jurisdiction of the commissioner; and (ii) adjacent to a building or other structure. The criteria shall include whether a limb of such a tree has made physical contact with any part of such building or structure, whether a limb of such a tree may imminently make physical contact with part of any such building or structure due to tree growth or other circumstance, and the potential for damage to such building or structure that may result from any such contact or imminent contact.

b. The department shall post on its website the criteria developed in subdivision a and information about the development of such criteria.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 1 year after it becomes law.

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