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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating a division within the department of small business services to assist street vendors and reporting regarding such assistance efforts

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 56 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 1309.1 to read as follows:

§ 1309.1. Division of street vendor services. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Department. The term “department” means the department of small business services.

Food vendor. The term “food vendor” has the same meaning as set forth in section 17-306 of the administrative code.

General vendor. The term “general vendor” has the same meaning as set forth in section 20-452 of the administrative code.

Street vendor. The term “street vendor” means general vendor and food vendor.

b. Responsibilities of the division. 1. There shall be a division of street vendor services within the department. Such division shall:

(a) Serve as a clearinghouse for the provision of services and resources for entrepreneurs interested in street vending opportunities;

(b) Publish on the department’s website a list of such services and resources that street vendors may

utilize;

(c) Connect street vendors to the department's programs;

(d) Offer business education and conduct outreach in the designated citywide languages, as such term is defined in section 23-1101, to street vendors on entrepreneurship and compliance with all applicable local laws, rules, and regulations, including but not limited to such laws, rules, and regulations concerning legal vending locations and time, place, and manner restrictions applicable to vending; and

(e) Adjust department programs to facilitate access for street vendors.

2. The education offered pursuant to subparagraph (d) of paragraph 1 of this subdivision shall be directed toward vendors in areas with a high density of street vendors and toward vendors in any areas identified by the office of street vendor enforcement as featuring a high level of complaints about street vendor activity.

c. Reporting. No later than 180 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the speaker of the council and to the mayor, and the commissioner shall publish on the department's website, a report on (i) the number of food vendors and general vendors to which the division of street vendor services provided assistance during the previous year, and (ii) the types of assistance provided to food vendors and general vendors by such division during the previous year, disaggregated by percentage.

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

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