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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 develop a plan for ensuring proper disposal of rechargeable batteries used for powered mobility devices

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 Disposal of rechargeable batteries used for motorized bicycles and scooters. a. Definition. The term "powered mobility devices" means motorized bicycles, motorized scooters and other personal mobility devices powered by a lithium-ion or other storage battery. The term does not include motor vehicles or motorcycles or other mobility devices that must be registered with the New York state department of motor vehicles.

b. The department shall develop and implement a plan for promoting the proper disposal of rechargeable batteries used by powered mobility devices. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Maintaining at least two collection locations in each borough where the public can properly dispose of such rechargeable batteries. Such locations shall be open to receive items from the public seven days per week.

2. Accepting such rechargeable batteries at any disposal or collection event organized by the department.

3. Coordinating with businesses that sell or service powered mobility devices regarding voluntary

participation in in-store collection programs for such rechargeable batteries.

4. Conducting an outreach and education campaign relating to the proper disposal of such rechargeable batteries, including but not limited to, disseminating information on existing recycling and disposal programs for such rechargeable batteries, locations where such rechargeable batteries can be properly disposed of, and the hazards of improper disposal of such rechargeable batteries. Any written materials disseminated by the department pursuant to this section shall be made available in the designated citywide languages as defined in section 23-1101.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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