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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to lifting product regulations on newsstands

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 20-228 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

a. Newsstand. A not readily removable stand or booth operated primarily for the sale of newspapers, magazines, [and] periodicals[.], books, pamphlets or other similar written matter.

§ 2. Subdivision b of section 20-231 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 53 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

b. Items other than newspapers, magazines, periodicals, books, pamphlets or other similar written matter [and prepaid telecommunication or transit cards] may be offered for sale from a newsstand [if they are sold for less than ten dollars exclusive of taxes]; provided, however, that apparel[,] and jewelry[, hair ornaments, handbags and video cassettes] shall not be offered for sale from a newsstand and that if food items are offered for sale, they must be prepackaged.

§ 3. Section 20-232 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 128 of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 20-232 Revocation. In addition to any other basis for revocation, a newsstand license may be revoked upon a finding by the commissioner that the location listed in such license was not utilized for a period of two consecutive months or more, that the newsstand licensee is not using the stand primarily for the sale of

newspapers, magazines, [and] periodicals, books, pamphlets or other similar written matter, or that the newsstand licensee rented or attempted to rent the newsstand to another person. If the commissioner chooses to exercise such power of revocation, the commissioner shall first notify the licensee of an anticipated revocation in writing and afford the licensee thirty days from the date of such notification to correct the condition. The commissioner shall notify the licensee of such thirty-day period in writing. If the licensee proves to the satisfaction of the commissioner that the condition has been corrected within such thirty-day period, the commissioner shall not revoke such license. The commissioner shall permit such proof to be submitted to the commissioner electronically or in person. The licensee may seek review by the commissioner of the determination that the licensee has not submitted such proof within fifteen days of receiving written notification of such determination.

§ 4. The local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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