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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring all pedestrian crossings with countdown signals to be equipped with an audible pedestrian signal.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-183 to read as follows:

§19-183 Audible pedestrian signals. a. The department shall equip all pedestrian signals that utilize countdown signals with an audible pedestrian signal.

b. The audible indication that it is safe for pedestrians to cross the street shall be by tone or voice. The tone shall consist of multiple frequencies with a dominant component at 880 Hz with a duration of 0.15 seconds and shall repeat at intervals of 0.15 seconds. The tone or voice volume shall be measured at a distance of thirty-six inches from the pedestrian signal device and shall be 2 dB minimum and 5 dB maximum above the ambient noise level and shall be responsive to ambient noise level changes.

c. Where a countdown signal had already been installed as of the effective date of the local law that added this section, the department shall install an audible pedestrian signal no later than one year following such effective date.

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment into law.

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