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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing packaging reduction guidelines for contractors with city agencies.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of title 6 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subchapter 7 to read as follows:

Subchapter 7: Packaging Reduction

§ 6-317. Packaging reduction guidelines for city agencies. a. The director of citywide environmental purchasing, after consultation with the mayor's office of long term planning and sustainability, shall establish packaging reduction guidelines for contracts entered into by city agencies for the purchase of goods.

b. Such guidelines shall include but not be limited to the following agency requests: (i) whenever practicable, elimination of packaging or use of the minimum amount necessary for product protection; (ii) whenever practicable, use of packaging that is recyclable or reusable; and (iii) contractor reuse of pallets and packaging materials whenever practicable.

c. The director of citywide environmental purchasing shall make such guidelines available to all city agencies and publish such guidelines on the city's website.

d. All city agencies shall reference the guidelines established pursuant to this section in conjunction with any request for bids issued by such agency for the purchase of goods.

e. The director of citywide environmental purchasing, after consultation with the office of long-term

planning and sustainability, shall establish a program through the city website, and any other relevant means of media or communication, to identify and recognize city agency contractors that consistently further the goals of the packaging reduction guidelines established pursuant to this section.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after it shall become a law except that city agencies, officers and employees, including but not limited to the director of citywide environmental purchasing and the director of the office of long-term planning and sustainability, shall take such actions as are necessary for its implementation prior to such effective date.

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