

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2019**

No. 155

Introduced by Council Members Gjonaj, Levine, Rosenthal, Rivera, Levin, Kallos, Cornegy, Holden, Cohen, Perkins, Chin, Vallone and Louis.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to information about city laws and rules that apply to small businesses

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 22-1002 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 208 for the year 2017, is amended to read as follows:

§ 22-1002 Online business supports. a. The commissioner shall post on the city's website online business tools and resources, including but not limited to:

1. Tools provided by the department, which may include accounting, recordkeeping and bookkeeping resources; [and]

2. *A searchable and interactive guide to aid current or prospective business owners in understanding city laws and rules applicable to such business, including the applicable licenses, permits, and certifications the owner must obtain. Such guide shall encompass provisions in the administrative code and the rules of the city of New York, including licensing, permitting, and operational requirements, that are applicable to the particular type of business. The guide shall include zoning information and a brief description of applicable regulations and requirements, written in plain language that is likely to be understood by business owners; and*

3. Such other tools and resources as the commissioner may deem appropriate.

b. *Within 30 days after the effective date of a change to a law or rule referenced in the guide described in paragraph 2 of subdivision a of this section, the agency having primary jurisdiction over such law or rule shall inform the department of such change. Within 30 days of being informed of such change, the department shall update the guide accordingly.*

c. This section shall not be construed to create a private right of action to enforce its provisions or against the city for any action taken to comply with this section. *Inadvertent failure of an agency or the department to comply with this section shall not prohibit the enforcement of or be a defense to any violation of any law or rule.*

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law, except that the department of small business services shall take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of any rules, before such date.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on July 23, 2019 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on August 27, 2019.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 155 of 2019, Council Int. No. 1467-A of 2019) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

STEVEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.