

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

No. 178

Introduced by Council Members Restler, Brooks-Powers, Krishnan, Bottcher, Schulman, Gutiérrez, Hudson, Nurse, Hanif, Louis, Marte, Sanchez, Cabán, Riley, Won, Williams, Mealy, Abreu, Powers, Holden, Salaam, Dinowitz, Marmorato, Ariola and Morano (in conjunction with the Brooklyn Borough President).

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to installation of pedestrian lighting fixtures

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 19-188.3 to read as follows:

§ 19-188.3 Pedestrian lighting. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Commercial corridor. The term “commercial corridor” means a block in a commercial district or a commercial overlay established pursuant to the zoning resolution.

Pedestrian lighting fixture. The term “pedestrian lighting fixture” means a lighting fixture that illuminates a sidewalk.

Sufficient lighting. The term “sufficient lighting” means that the average level of illumination, as measured at the level of the walking surface, along the entire length of a sidewalk on a block in a commercial corridor, is at least 1 footcandle (11 lux).

b. Each year, the department shall install a pedestrian lighting fixture on no less than 300 commercial corridors until each commercial corridor has sufficient lighting. In selecting such commercial corridors, the department shall consider the population density of the neighborhood of a commercial corridor, public input regarding lighting on a commercial corridor, the geometric design of the roadway of a commercial corridor, adjacent land uses, and any other factor deemed relevant by the department. To the extent practicable, no less than 250 of such commercial corridors shall be contiguous to at least 1 other commercial corridor that the department has selected for the installation of a pedestrian lighting fixture pursuant to this subdivision in the same year, or to at least 1 commercial corridor that has sufficient lighting.

c. No later than April 1, 2028, and no later than April 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall post on its website, and submit to the speaker of the council and the mayor, a report regarding installations completed by the department pursuant to this section during the preceding calendar year.

d. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, where the department installs a pedestrian lighting fixture on a commercial corridor as part of a project or construction work by the department or any other agency, or in response to a request or complaint from the public, and following such installation, such commercial corridor has sufficient lighting, the department may count such commercial corridor toward the number of commercial corridors on which the department is required to install a pedestrian lighting fixture pursuant to subdivision b of this section.

§ 2. This local law takes effect January 1, 2027.

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 November 12, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on December 15, 2025.

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. 178 of 2025, Council Int. No. 79-A of 2024) 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.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.