LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026

No. 143

Introduced by Council Members Brewer, Louis, J. Sanchez and Hudson.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to vertical winterization coverings for sidewalk cafes

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision b of section 19-160 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by a local law for the year 2026 amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to expanding access to roadway cafes, as proposed in introduction number 655-A, is amended to read as follows:

2. A sidewalk cafe, other than an enclosed sidewalk cafe, shall be open-air and [shall] contain only readily removable tables, chairs, and other removable decorative items as [set forth in such] *described in* rules *promulgated by the department, except that: (i) from November 30 to March 31 inclusive, the operator of a sidewalk cafe may, in accordance with such rules, equip such a cafe with a readily removable vertical winterization covering that may be attached to an overhead covering, or to an awning, either of which may be affixed to a building, provided that such overhead covering or awning complies with the requirements for an awning in the New York city construction codes and any requirement of the landmarks preservation commission, as applicable; and (ii) the department may promulgate rules to allow the use of readily removable vertical protective coverings and overhead coverings in other circumstances that the department*

determines warrants the temporary use of such vertical protective coverings and overhead coverings.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on the same date that a local law for the year 2026 amending the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to expanding access to roadway cafes, as proposed in introduction number 655-A, takes effect.

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 August 13, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on September 14, 2026.

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. 143 of 2026, Council Int. No. 894-A of 2026) 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.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.