

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

No. 28

Introduced by Council Members Fariás, Brooks-Powers, Avilés, Cabán, Brannan, Hanif, Schulman and Louis.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to language accessibility for ferry service

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-305 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. Within the Whitehall terminal in the borough of Manhattan and the St. George terminal in the borough of Staten Island, the department shall:

(i) Post, in English and the designated citywide languages, a notice stating that access to any city owned and operated ferry operating between such terminals is free of charge for all passengers; and

(ii) Make service information for such ferry, such as ferry schedules, as determined by the department, available in the designated citywide languages via a quick response code posted in each such terminal, or on the department's website. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "designated citywide languages" has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

§ 2. The heading of section 19-308 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 47 for the year 2023, is amended to read as follows:

[Fares for contracted] *Contracted* ferry service.

§ 3. Subdivision a of section 19-308 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new definition of “designated citywide languages” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Designated citywide languages. The term “designated citywide languages” has the same meaning as set forth in section 23-1101.

§ 4. Section 19-308 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision d to read as follows:

d. At a landing where a person boards or disembarks a contracted ferry service, the administering agency or a third-party operator of such contracted ferry service shall:

(i) Post service information such as ferry fares and schedules, as determined by the administering agency, in English, Spanish, and any other language spoken by a limited English proficiency population in the service area of such landing as determined pursuant to guidance issued by the federal transit administration regarding title VI of the civil rights act of 1964; and

(ii) Make such information available in the designated citywide languages via a quick response code posted at such landing, or on the administering agency’s website.

§ 5. This local law takes effect on 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 December 18, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on January 20, 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. 28 of 2026, Council Int. No. 1149-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.