

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. ANDERSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring municipal corporations to reimburse residents for the justifiable maintenance of publicly owned areas

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 137 to read as follows:

3 § 137. Justifiable maintenance of publicly owned areas. Every municipal  
4 corporation located within the state shall establish a reimbursement  
5 program for resident maintenance expenses associated with publicly owned  
6 sidewalks, curbs and adjacent landscaped areas. For purposes of this  
7 section, maintenance shall include snow removal, the removal of debris  
8 and any other upkeep deemed justifiable maintenance by the municipal  
9 corporation. A comprehensive list of such justifiable maintenance shall  
10 be provided to each resident. Each municipal corporation shall establish  
11 a mechanism for residents to provide documentation of justifiable main-  
12 tenance expenses. After such documentation is received, the municipal  
13 corporation shall reimburse such residents in whole or in part for all  
14 established justifiable maintenance.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
16 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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