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## Summary of Local Law 2025/036 (Int. 1126-A-2024): Free Waste Bins for Small Residential Buildings

### Purpose:

This temporary law requires the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) or another designated agency to provide **free official waste containers** to certain small residential properties, and to **reimburse past purchases**. It sunsets after just over a year.

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### Key Provisions:

#### 1. Eligibility:

- Applies to residential buildings with **2 or fewer dwelling units**.
- The building owner must have received the **STAR or Enhanced STAR property tax benefit** in **tax year 2024 or 2025**.

#### 2. Free Bin Distribution (Effective August 1, 2025):

- Upon request and **subject to budget availability**, DSNY must provide free **official waste containers** (lidded bins compliant with city rules).
- The number of bins per building is based on how much waste accumulates in 72 hours.

#### 3. Reimbursement Program:

- Owners who **bought official bins prior to August 1, 2025** can apply for reimbursement **within one year** of the law's effective date.

#### 4. Rulemaking:

- DSNY (or the administering agency) must issue rules including:
  - How to request bins or reimbursement.
  - Who may submit requests on behalf of a building.
  - How many bins are needed per building and how that's calculated.

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## 5. Reporting Requirement:

- By **October 1, 2026**, the administering agency must submit a report to the Mayor and City Council detailing:
  - Number of requests for bins and reimbursements.
  - Number of bins distributed and reimbursements issued.

## 6. Sunset Clause:

- **Section 1** (bin distribution & reimbursement) **expires September 1, 2026.**
- **Section 2** (reporting) **expires once the report is submitted.**

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### Sponsors:

Introduced by Council Member Yusef Salaam and co-sponsored by 28 other council members, including the Public Advocate.

### Legislative Status:

Enacted on March 29, 2025, as **Local Law 36 of 2025.**