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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to meetings of the veterans' advisory board.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision d of section 14 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 10 for the year 2006, is amended to read as follows:

d. [Veterans] Veterans' advisory board. There shall be a veterans' advisory board consisting of nine members, all of whom shall be veterans, five of whom shall be appointed by the mayor and four of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the council of the city of New York. Of these nine appointees, there shall be one representative from each of the five boroughs of the city of New York. The mayor and the speaker shall each consider service in conflicts involving members of the United States armed forces when making such appointments. All members shall serve for a term of three (3) years and may be removed by the appointing official for cause. Members of the advisory board shall elect by majority vote one such member to serve as chairperson and one such member to serve as vice-chairperson, each to serve in that capacity for one-year terms. In the event of a vacancy on the advisory board during the term of office of a member by reason of removal, death, resignation, or otherwise, a successor shall be chosen in the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term. The advisory board shall (i) advise the director on all matters concerning veterans; (ii) [meet at least quarterly] hold at least one meeting open to the public in each borough on an annual basis, with notice of each public meeting

provided in accordance with the public notice requirements of article 7 of the public officers law, and with each public meeting recorded and broadcast in accordance with subdivision d of section 1063 of the New York city charter; (iii) keep a record of its deliberations; (iv) determine its own rules of procedure; and (v) submit an annual report of its activities to the mayor and the council on or before December 31st of each year. Such annual report shall, if appropriate, include policy and legislative recommendations for the office of veterans' affairs and the council.

§2. Subchapter 3 of chapter one of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-133 to read as follows:

§ 3-133 Additional notice of public meetings of the veterans' advisory board. The office of veterans' affairs shall ensure that notice of any public meeting of the veterans' advisory board held pursuant to subdivision d of section 14 of the New York city charter is posted on such office's website with the date, time and location of each public meeting, and that such notice is posted not less than one week prior to each public meeting. The office of veterans' affairs shall also maintain and periodically update the contact information of veterans organizations located within the city and shall notify such organizations by regular or electronic mail of the date, time and location of each public meeting of the veterans' advisory board not less than one week prior to each public meeting.

§3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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