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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 the establishment of a director of ferry operations

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision c of section 2903 of chapter 71 of the New York city charter is amended to read as follows:

c. Ferries and related facilities. The commissioner shall appoint a director of ferry operations. Such director shall:

(1) maintain and operate the ferries of the city, including such ferry services established pursuant to an agreement between the city and a contracted entity as such term is defined in section 22-821 of the administrative code;

(2) be responsible for constructing, acquiring, operating, maintaining or controlling all ferry boats, ferry houses, ferry terminals and equipment thereof and all wharf property and marginal roads adjacent to such wharves, ferry houses and terminals necessary for the operation of the ferries and related facilities, including parking sites; any ferry and any other such property, including but not limited to, all or part of such wharf property, may be leased in the same manner as other wharf property, provided, however, that from and after the sixtieth day next succeeding the date on which the provisions of this paragraph as hereby amended take effect, no substantial or general change in the level of services furnished upon any such ferry facility under the jurisdiction of the director [commissioner] shall be instituted, allowed or continued except upon not less than thirty days notice to the city planning commission and the council. Provided, further that notice of such change

shall be conspicuously posted in a public place at each ferry house and terminal for a continuous period of at least thirty days in advance of any such change taking effect and in addition, such notice shall further be published at least once during such thirty day period in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city;

(3) have [charge and control of all marine operations within the city and] the power to regulate public and private ferry operations originating or terminating within the city, including evaluation of existing ferry sites and development of sites for expansion of ferry service;

(4) establish tours of ferry facilities and their related operations as well as tours of the New York harbor at fees to be established in coordination with [by] the commissioner, together with the authority to publicize and advertise the same;

(5) issue permits for the control of television and photography activities within or upon ferries and related facilities; and

(6) construct, operate and maintain marinas and public boat launching ramps and related facilities of ferry property and collect fees for the use thereof; such fees to be deposited in a special fund for the continued maintenance, operation or reconstruction of public marine facilities.

§ 2. Section 2903 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision c-1 to read as follows:

c-1. Marine operations.

The commissioner shall have charge and control of all marine operations within the city not reserved to the director of ferry operations.

§ 3. Chapter 3 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 3

Ferry Operations [Ferries].

§ 19-301. Ferry property; acquisition.

The director of ferry operations [commissioner] may acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise as provided in section 22-105 of the code, the title to such wharf property and uplands within the city, as he or she shall deem necessary for the equipment, maintenance or operation of a ferry, the terminal facilities therefor and the approaches thereto, whether or not such wharf property or uplands have previously been taken for a public use.

§ 19-302. Ferry property; provisions in leases.

Leases of any ferry or any wharf property necessary for the use of a ferry may provide for the character of transportation service to be furnished by the lessee including the character and speed of the boats to be used, frequency of trips, rates of fare and commutation and freight charges, and may provide for forfeiture of the lease in the event of failure to comply with its provisions in relation thereto.

§ 19-303. Ferry fares to be paid over daily.

The director of ferry operations [commissioner] shall pay over daily to the commissioner of finance all moneys collected for ferry fares.

§ 4. Title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 3-A to read as follows:

Chapter 3-A

Staten Island Ferry Service; Marine Operations

§ 5. Sections 19-304, 19-305, 19-306 and 19-307 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York are moved to chapter 3-A added by this local law.

§ 6. Subdivision a of section 19-304 of chapter 3-A of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

a. There shall be no rate of ferriage charged for foot passengers by any city owned and operated ferry operating between the borough of Manhattan and the borough of Staten Island, unless such ferry service is administered by the director of ferry operations.

§ 3. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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