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By Council Member Williams

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to the terms of employment for district managers

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision f of section 2800 of the New York city charter, as amended by a vote of the electors on November 7, 1989, is amended to read as follows:

f. 1. Each community board, within the budgetary appropriations therefor, shall appoint a district manager and shall be authorized to utilize the services of such other professional staff and consultants, including planners and other experts, as it may deem appropriate, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the community board, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, and shall provide the board with the staff support and technical assistance it requires to fulfill the duties assigned to it by this charter or other law. A district manager shall serve a term of four years, except that the first such term shall run from the effective date of the local law that added this sentence until December 31 of the fourth full calendar year thereafter. A community board may reappoint the same person as district manager for successive terms, and the community board or borough president with jurisdiction over a community district may remove that district's district manager before the expiration of such term. A member of a community board shall be eligible for appointment to the position of district manager provided that such member does not participate in any manner in the selection of the district manager by the board and resigns as a member of any board prior to or upon assuming the duties of district manager. The district manager shall (1) have responsibility for processing service complaints, (2) preside at meetings of the district service cabinet and (3) perform such other duties as are

assigned by the community board in accordance with the statement of duties required by paragraph seven of subdivision d of this section.

2. One of the board members shall be elected by the other members to serve as chairperson. The chairperson shall use no title other than chair or chairperson of the community board and the other members shall use no title other than member of the community board or community board member, except that any member who is elected or appointed to an official position on the board, including but not limited to, vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, or chair of a committee or subcommittee of the board shall be allowed to use such title when acting in such capacity. The department of investigation shall investigate any allegations concerning the misuse of a community board title and shall report its findings to the mayor, the council and the borough president in whose borough the community board is located. The knowing and intentional use of an improper title by any member of a community board shall be punishable by a civil penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars for every infraction thereof. The chairperson of the community board or his or her representative shall be a member of the district service cabinet. **[**A member of a community board shall be eligible for appointment to the position of district manager provided that such member does not participate in any manner in the selection of the district manager by the board and resigns as a member of any board prior to or upon assuming the duties of district manager.**]**

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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