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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating a commercial waste zones working group

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 16-1000 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 199 for the year 2019, is amended by adding a definition of “working group” in alphabetical order to read as follows:

Working group. The term “working group” means the commercial waste zones working group set forth in section 16-1021.

§ 2. Chapter 1 of title 16-B of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 16-1021 to read as follows:

§ 16-1021 Commercial waste zones working group. a. Working group established. There is hereby established a working group to be known as the commercial waste zones working group.

b. Duties. The working group shall study the implementation of the commercial waste zones and shall make recommendations to the department for policy in furtherance of the objectives as outlined by local law number 199 for the year 2019. The study and recommendations shall take into consideration effects on the health and welfare of persons in the city and the environment, anticipated effects on stakeholders, and any other considerations the working group deems relevant.

c. Membership. 1. The working group shall be composed of no more than 20 members. Those members shall include:

(a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair;

(b) The chairperson of the business integrity commission or such chairperson's designee;

(c) The chairperson of the council committee on sanitation and solid waste management or such chairperson's designee;

(d) At least 8 designated carters appointed by the commissioner, or such carters' respective representatives;

(e) At least 8 members appointed by the speaker of the council with the following experience: at least 2 members from a labor union that is predominant in the commercial waste industry and that is actively engaged in representing commercial waste industry workers who are employed by a designated carter, at least 2 members with environmental expertise, at least 2 members with an expertise in environmental justice or representation of an environmentally overburdened community, and at least 1 member from a micro-hauling organization.

2. All appointments required by this section shall be made no later than 30 days after the department enters into agreements with awardees as required by section 16-1002 and rules promulgated pursuant to such section.

3. Each member of the working group shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. In the event of a vacancy on the working group, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment. All members of the working group shall serve without compensation.

d. Meetings. 1. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the working group no later than 30 days after the last member has been appointed, except that where not all members of the working group have been appointed within the time specified in subdivision c of this section, the chair shall convene the first meeting of the working group within 10 days of the appointment of a quorum.

2. The working group may invite experts and stakeholders to attend its meetings and to provide testimony and information relevant to its duties.

3. The working group shall meet no less than once each quarter to carry out the duties described in subdivision b of this section.

e. Agency support. Each agency affected by this section shall provide appropriate staff and resources to support the work of such agency related to the working group.

f. Termination. The working group shall meet for 3 years after the department enters into agreements with awardees as required by section 16-1002 and rules promulgated pursuant to such section. After 3 years, the commissioner may terminate the working group after consulting with the working group on the question of termination and after providing the speaker of the council with 60 days' notice.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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