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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reforming the industrial business zone boundary commission

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 22-625 of chapter 6-D of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 22-625 Industrial business zone boundary commission.

(a) The industrial business zone boundary commission shall consist of the commissioner of small business services, the director of city planning, the commissioner of buildings, the commissioner of finance, the commissioner of housing preservation and development, the commissioner of citywide administrative services, the president of the economic development corporation, a member of the community associated with industrial and manufacturing activities who shall be appointed by the mayor and serve at the mayor's pleasure, [and] the five borough presidents, two members appointed by the speaker of the city council, and one member appointed by the public advocate. Each member of the commission, except the member of the community associated with industrial and manufacturing activities and the members appointed by the speaker of the city council and public advocate, shall have the power to designate an alternate to represent him or her at commission meetings and exercise all the rights and powers of such member, including the right to vote, provided that such designation is made in writing to the chairperson of the commission. A borough president shall be entitled to vote only on the designation of an industrial boundary zone, an amendment to the boundaries of such a zone, or the repeal of such a zone where all or part of the proposed zone or existing zone is within his or her borough.

Commission members shall serve without compensation. A majority of members of such commission entitled to vote on a matter shall constitute a quorum for such issue. [Decisions shall be made by majority vote of those present and entitled to vote on a matter] Designation of a new zone shall be made by majority vote of those present and entitled to vote on such matter. Amendment or repeal of an existing zone shall require a two-thirds vote of all members present and entitled to vote on such matter.

(b) The mission of the industrial business zone boundary commission shall be the preservation and growth of industrial and manufacturing activities and related employment within the city of New York.

(c) No commission member shall hold financial interests in real estate development entities, land use consulting firms, or entities seeking industrial land rezoning. No registered lobbyist may serve on the commission.

(d) Members shall file annual financial disclosures with the conflicts of interest board.

(e) All meetings of the commission shall be made available to view contemporaneously online. Commission meeting minutes and materials shall be posted online on the website of the city of New York within five business days of the conclusion of a meeting.

§ 2. Paragraph 4 of subdivision d of section 22-626 of chapter 6-D of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

(4) In making any of the determinations set forth in paragraphs one, two or three of this subdivision, the commission shall consider: [among other factors it determines are appropriate for consideration, existing land uses, the industrial and manufacturing character of the relevant area, the relevant area's potential development for industrial and manufacturing activities, whether there is any as-of-right zoning for new residential development within such area, vehicular traffic patterns, and existing or proposed empire zone boundaries.]

(A) Existing land uses, including the types of industrial, manufacturing and other uses within the relevant area;

(B) The industrial and manufacturing character of the relevant area, including the number of businesses and persons employed in such sectors;

(C) The potential development of industrial and manufacturing businesses in the relevant area;

(D) Whether there is any as-of-right zoning for new residential development within such relevant area;

(E) The vehicular traffic and freight movement patterns in the relevant area and the impact of such patterns upon industrial operations, if any;

(F) The alignment of existing or proposed empire zone, opportunity zone, or other state-designated economic development zone boundaries within the relevant area; and

(G) Any other factors the commission determines are appropriate.

§ 3. Section 22-626 of chapter 6-D of title 22 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

(e) The commission shall notify the city council of any approved designation, amendment, or repeal of an industrial business zone boundary within five business days of such action.

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

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