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By Council Members Vallone and Rodriguez

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:

1 Section 1. Subdivision c of section 2903 of chapter 71 of the New York city charter is

2 amended to read as follows:

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

5 (1) maintain and operate the ferries of the city, including such ferry services established
6 pursuant to an agreement between the city and a contracted entity as such term is defined in section
7 22-821 of the administrative code;

8 (2) be responsible for constructing, acquiring, operating, maintaining or controlling all
9 ferry boats, ferry houses, ferry terminals and equipment thereof and all wharf property and
10 marginal roads adjacent to such wharves, ferry houses and terminals necessary for the operation
11 of the ferries and related facilities, including parking sites; any ferry and any other such property,
12 including but not limited to, all or part of such wharf property, may be leased in the same manner
13 as other wharf property, provided, however, that from and after the sixtieth day next succeeding
14 the date on which the provisions of this paragraph as hereby amended take effect, no substantial
15 or general change in the level of services furnished upon any such ferry facility under the
16 jurisdiction of the director [commissioner] shall be instituted, allowed or continued except upon
17 not less than thirty days notice to the city planning commission and the council. Provided, further
18 that notice of such change shall be conspicuously posted in a public place at each ferry house and
19 terminal for a continuous period of at least thirty days in advance of any such change taking effect

1 and in addition, such notice shall further be published at least once during such thirty day period
2 in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city;

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

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

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

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

14 § 2. Section 2903 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision c-
15 1 to read as follows:

16 c-1. Marine operations.

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

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

21 Chapter 3

22 Ferry Operations [Ferries].

23 § 19-301. Ferry property; acquisition.

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

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

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