

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2013**

No. 88

Introduced by Council Members Oddo, Ignizio, Rose, Chin, Recchia, Barron, Brewer, Cabrera, Comrie, Crowley, Dickens, Dromm, Eugene, Gentile, Gonzalez, James, Koo, Koslowitz, Mendez, Nelson, Palma, Van Bramer, Williams, Greenfield, Fidler, Vallone, Gennaro, Koppell, Halloran, Ulrich, Arroyo, Dilan, Ferreras, Jackson, King, Lander, Reyna, Richards, Rivera, Vacca, Vann, Mark-Viverito, Mealy, Garodnick, Rodriguez and Levin.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to Staten Island ferry service and to repeal subdivision c of section 19-305 of the administrative code of the city of New York, relating to Staten Island ferry service.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of legislative findings and intent. It shall be the policy of the city of New York that the Staten Island Ferry operate in such a way that, absent emergencies or exigent circumstances, a ferry never departs more than thirty minutes after the departure of a previous ferry from the same terminal. The standard of “no more than thirty minutes between departures” shall exist twenty-four hours per day, seven days a week, three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

§2. Subdivision a of section 19-305 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 55 for the year 2005, is amended to read as follows:

§19-305[.] Staten Island Ferry service. a. Any city owned and operated ferry operating between the Whitehall terminal in the borough of Manhattan and the St. George terminal in the borough of Staten Island shall operate, at a minimum, according to the following schedule: (i) On monday through friday, except on legal holidays, a ferry shall depart from the Whitehall terminal in the borough of Manhattan every twenty minutes between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.; every fifteen

minutes between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; every thirty minutes between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; every twenty minutes between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.; every fifteen minutes between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; every twenty minutes between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; every thirty minutes between 8:00 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.; and every hour between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(ii) On Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays, a ferry shall depart from the St. George terminal in the borough of Staten Island at 5:30 a.m.; every twenty minutes between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.; every fifteen minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; every thirty minutes between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; every twenty minutes between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; every fifteen minutes between 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; every thirty minutes between 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.; and every hour between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

(iii) On Saturdays, except on legal holidays, service both to and from Manhattan's Whitehall terminal and Staten Island's St. George terminal shall be every [hour except between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., in which case service shall be every] thirty minutes *except between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., in which case service shall be every hour.*

(iv) On Sundays, except on legal holidays, service both to and from Manhattan's Whitehall terminal and Staten Island's St. George terminal shall be every [hour except between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., in which case service shall be every] thirty minutes *except between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., in which case service shall be every hour.*

(v) On legal holidays, service both to and from Manhattan's Whitehall terminal and Staten Island's St. George terminal shall include ferry departures every thirty minutes between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

(vi) *On or before May 1, 2015, service both to and from Manhattan's Whitehall terminal and Staten Island's St. George terminal shall be every thirty minutes at all times except when more*

frequent service is required by this subdivision.

(vii) If the department in consultation with the office of the mayor determines that it is not economically feasible to fully expand service pursuant to paragraph (vi) of this subdivision, the department in consultation with the office of the mayor shall provide a report to the mayor, speaker of the council, and the borough presidents of Manhattan and Staten Island describing the reasons why fully expanding such service is not economically feasible by April 1, 2015, which shall include but not be limited to the following factors: an analysis of ridership numbers, including a breakdown by time of trip, day and month of the year; a review of any recent or anticipated economic development or other economic or population changes that have affected or could affect ridership numbers; and plans for future expansion in service and a timeline for such expansion. Every two years thereafter by April 1 the department in consultation with the office of the mayor shall review such determination and provide a report to the mayor, speaker of the council, and the borough presidents of Manhattan and Staten Island, including but not limited to the foregoing factors as well as a description of any expansion of service since the enactment of the local law that added this paragraph.

§ 3. Subdivision c of section 19-305 of the administrative code of the city of New York is hereby REPEALED.

§4. This local law shall take effect immediately, except that paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of subdivision a of section 19-305 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by section two of this local law, shall take effect one hundred eighty days after enactment of this local law, unless the department of transportation determines that staffing levels are not adequate to permit such increased weekend service and has informed the council in writing of such inadequacy prior to such effective date, in which case this local law shall take effect upon certification by the

department of transportation that such staffing levels are adequate to permit such increased service, but in no event more than eighteen months following enactment.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on October 9, 2013 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on November 8, 2013.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 88 of 2013, Council Int No. 1049-A of 2013) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

JEFFREY D. FRIEDLANDER, Acting Corporation Counsel.