

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2026**

No. 131

Introduced by Council Members Farías, Louis, Maloney, Riley, Narcisse, Wilson, Brooks-Powers, Hanks, Morano, Ariola and Vernikov.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to raising the maximum age for taking a civil service examination to become a police officer

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 14-109 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 17 for the year 2022, is amended to read as follows:

a. Only persons shall be appointed or reappointed to membership in the police force or continue to hold membership therein, who are citizens of the United States and who have never been convicted of a felony, and who can read and write understandably the English language. Skilled officers of experience may be appointed for temporary detective duty who are not residents of the city. Only persons shall be appointed police officers who shall be at the date of the filing of an application for civil service examination less than [thirty-five] 43 years of age, except, that every person who, as of [the fifteenth day of] April 15, 1997, satisfied all other requirements for admission to the New York city police department academy shall be admitted to such academy and shall be eligible for appointment as a police officer, subject to the provisions of the civil service law and any applicable provisions of the charter, notwithstanding that such person was [thirty-five] 43 years of age or older on [the fifteenth day of] April 15, 1997. *Time spent on military duty or on terminal leave, not exceeding a total of 6 years, shall be subtracted from the age of any person who is over 43 years of age on the date of the filing by such person of an application for civil service*

examination, as provided in subdivision 10-a of section 243 of the military law. Persons who shall have been members of the force, and shall have been dismissed therefrom, shall not be reappointed. Consistent with subdivision 4 of section 50 of the civil service law and section 813 of the charter, a person who has been a member of any police force shall not be appointed as a member of the force if such person was dismissed from such other police force due to misconduct or resigned while being investigated pursuant to a charge of misconduct. Persons who are appointed as police trainees, after examination in accordance with the civil service law and the rules of the commissioner of citywide administrative services and who have satisfactorily completed service as such trainees, may likewise be appointed as police officers without further written examination, provided that they shall have passed a medical examination at the end of their required trainee period. Persons appointed as police trainees shall not be considered members of the uniformed force of the department.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately and is retroactive to and deemed to have been in effect as of September 1, 2025.

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 July 16, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on August 18, 2026.

ALISA FUENTES, Acting City Clerk, Acting Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 131 of 2026, Council Int. No. 913-A of 2026) 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.

MOLLY MURPHY, Acting Corporation Counsel.