

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

No. 134

Introduced by Council Members Williams and Narcisse.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to compensation of the mayor, public advocate, members of the city council, borough presidents, comptroller, and district attorneys

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 19 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. Election; term; salary. The mayor shall be elected at the general election in the year [nineteen hundred sixty-five] 1965 and every fourth year thereafter. The mayor shall hold office for a term of [four] 4 years commencing on the first day of January after each such election. A mayor who resigns or is removed from office prior to the completion of a full term shall be deemed to have held that office for a full term for purposes of section 1138 [of the charter]. The salary of the mayor shall be [two hundred fifty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars] \$305,800 a year.

§ 2. Subdivisions a and b of section 26 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 19 for the year 2016, are amended to read as follows:

a. The salary of the public advocate shall be [one hundred eighty-four thousand eight hundred dollars] \$218,400 a year.

b. The salary of each council member shall be [one hundred forty-eight thousand five hundred dollars] \$175,500 a year, except that the salary of the speaker shall be [one hundred sixty-four thousand five hundred dollars] \$194,400 a year. In addition, any council member, while serving as a committee chairperson or other officer of the council, may also be paid, in addition to such salary, an allowance fixed by resolution, after a hearing, for the particular and additional services pertaining to the additional duties of such position.

§ 3. Subdivision c of section 81 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 19 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

c. The salary of the borough president shall be [one hundred seventy-nine thousand two hundred dollars] \$211,800 a year.

§ 4. Section 91 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 19 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 91. Election; term; salary. The comptroller shall be elected by the electors of the city at the same time and for the same terms as in this charter prescribed for the mayor. A comptroller who resigns or is removed from office prior to completion of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term for purposes of section 1138 [of the charter]. The salary of the comptroller shall be [two hundred nine thousand fifty dollars] \$247,100 a year.

§ 5. Section 1125 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 19 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1125. Salaries of the district attorneys. Each of the district attorneys of the counties of New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens, and Richmond shall receive an annual salary equal to the compensation received by a justice of the supreme court in the county in which such district

attorney has been elected and is serving, or [two hundred twelve thousand eight hundred dollars] \$251,500 a year, whichever *amount* is greater.

§ 6. Section 3-601 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 81 for the year 2026, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3-601[.] Quadrennial advisory commission for the review of compensation levels of elected officials. a. [Within 15 days of the effective date of the local law for the year 2026 that amended this section and between the first and fifteenth day of] *Between January 1 and 15, 2028, and during the same period* every fourth calendar year thereafter, the mayor shall appoint [three] 3 persons for the review of compensation levels of elected officials. The members of the commission shall be private citizens generally recognized for their knowledge and experience in management and compensation matters. The mayor shall appoint one of the members to be chairperson of the commission.

b. The commission shall study the compensation levels for the mayor, the public advocate, the comptroller, the borough presidents, the council members, and the district attorneys of the [five] 5 counties within the city and shall recommend changes in those compensation levels *to take effect the year following a year in which the mayor is elected pursuant to section 4 of the charter*, if warranted. In making its recommendations the commission shall take into consideration the duties and responsibilities of each position, the current salary of the position and the length of time since the last change, any change in the cost of living, compression of salary levels for other officers and employees of the city, and salaries and salary trends for positions with analogous duties and responsibilities both within government and in the private sector.

c. The commission shall submit a report to the mayor and speaker of the council not later than [75] 120 days following its appointment containing its recommendations for changes in

compensation levels for any elected position set forth in subdivision b or its recommendation that no changes are warranted. The mayor may, in the mayor's discretion, submit a recommendation to the speaker of the council for the approval, disapproval, or modification of any recommended compensation changes contained within the report.

d. The council in its discretion shall consider the recommendations of the commission, and any of the mayor if so provided, for changes in the compensation levels of any such elected position, if any, and approve a local law changing the compensation of the mayor, the public advocate, the comptroller, the borough presidents, the council members, and the district attorneys of the [five] 5 counties within the city.

e. The members of the commission shall serve without compensation except that each member shall be allowed [his or her] *such member's* actual and necessary expenses, to be audited in the same manner as other city charges.

f. The commission may hire or contract for necessary staff and technical assistance and may require [city] agencies to provide such assistance.

g. The commission shall have a budget as provided for by the mayor.

h. The commission may hold public hearings and may consult with compensation experts from the public and private sectors.

§ 7. This local law takes effect 45 days after it becomes law. Sections one through five of this local law shall be retroactive to, and deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after, January 1, 2026.

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. 134 of 2026, Council Int. No. 983-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.