

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

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**No. 81**

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Introduced by Council Members Williams, Louis, Hanif, Won, Epstein, Schulman, Ung, Hankerson, Lee, Banks, J. Sanchez, Encarnación, Abreu, P. Sanchez, Thomas-Henry, Marte, Brooks-Powers and Salaam.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a commission to review the salaries of elected officials in New York City and make recommendations regarding those salaries**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Section 3-601 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 22 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

a. [Between] *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 January, [2020, and during the same period] every fourth *calendar* year thereafter, the mayor shall appoint three 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 counties within the city and shall recommend changes in those compensation levels, 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 [one hundred twenty] 75 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 mayor shall submit the report of the commission along with his or her recommendation for approval, disapproval or modification to the council not later than thirty days after receipt of the report of the commission.

e.] 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 counties within the city.

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

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

[h.] *g.* The commission shall have a budget as provided for by the mayor.

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

§ 2. The commission convened in the year 2026 pursuant to this local law shall make recommendations on what the compensation levels for the mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough presidents, council members, and district attorneys for the 5 counties within the city should be as of January 1, 2026.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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 March 10, 2026 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on April 10, 2026.

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. 81 of 2026, Council Int. No. 502-B 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.

BRENDA COOKE, Acting Corporation Counsel.