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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to membership of the veterans advisory board, and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation and posting of electronic mail addresses by members of the veterans' advisory board.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision d of section 14 of the New York city charter, as amended by local law number 10 for the year 2006, is amended to read as follows:

d. Veterans' advisory board. There shall be a veterans' advisory board consisting of [nine] eleven members, all of whom shall be veterans, [five] six of whom shall be appointed by the mayor and [four] five of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the council of the city of New York. Of these [nine] eleven appointees, there shall be one representative from each of the five boroughs of the city of New York. The mayor and the speaker shall each consider service in conflicts involving members of the United States armed forces when making such appointments. All members shall serve for a term of three (3) years and may be removed by the appointing official for cause. Members of the advisory board shall elect by majority vote one such member to serve as chairperson and one such member to serve as vice-chairperson, each to serve in that capacity for one-year terms. In the event of a vacancy on the advisory board during the term of office of a member by reason of removal, death, resignation, or otherwise, a successor shall be chosen in the same manner as the original appointment. A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term. The advisory board shall (i) advise the director on all matters concerning veterans; (ii) hold at least one meeting open to the public in each borough on an annual basis, with notice of each public meeting provided in

accordance with the public notice requirements of article 7 of the public officers law, and with each public meeting recorded and broadcast in accordance with subdivision d of section 1063 of the New York city charter; (iii) keep a record of its deliberations; (iv) determine its own rules of procedure; and (v) submit an annual report of its activities to the mayor and the council on or before December 31st of each year. Such annual report should include policy and legislative recommendations for the office of veterans' affairs and the council.

§2. Subchapter 3 of chapter one of title 3 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 3-132 to read as follows:

§ 3-132 Veterans' advisory board electronic mail addresses. Upon appointment to the board, every member of the veterans' advisory board, as constituted pursuant to subdivision d of section 14 of the New York city charter, shall create an electronic mail address dedicated exclusively to the conduct of the business of the board. The office of veterans' affairs shall make such electronic mail address available to the public on the website of the office of veterans' affairs no later than thirty days after the commencement of the member's term of appointment. Such electronic mail address may not be commingled with any other personal or professional electronic mail addresses held or maintained by the members of the board. The office of veterans' affairs may establish guidelines to promote uniformity in the formatting of any electronic mail address created pursuant to this section.

§3. This local law shall take effect thirty days after enactment into law.

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