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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to establishing an office of not-for-profit organization services

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new section 20-h to read as follows:

§ 20-h. Office of not-for-profit organization services. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Director. The term “director” means the director of the office of not-for-profit organization services.

Office. The term “office” means the office of not-for-profit organization services.

b. The mayor shall establish an office of not-for-profit organization services. Such office may be established in the executive office of the mayor and may be established as a separate office or within any other office of the mayor or within any department the head of which is appointed by the mayor. Such office shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the mayor or head of such department.

c. The director shall have the power and duty to:

1. Serve as a liaison to not-for-profit organizations in relation to city policies, procedures, regulations, contracting and funding opportunities, programs and benefits affecting the not-for-profit sector and, in such capacity, shall:

(a) Conduct outreach to not-for-profit organizations to provide information and assistance to such organizations in relation to existing city policies, procedures, regulations, contracting and funding opportunities, programs and benefits and to solicit feedback regarding ways in which the city could improve its interaction and engagement with not-for-profit organizations;

(b) Work with other city agencies to refer not-for-profit organizations to city services that exist to help them in seeking to obtain relevant exemptions, waivers, permits, registrations or approvals from city agencies; and

(c) Provide information to individuals or entities who are seeking to incorporate as a not-for-profit organization.

2. Advise and assist the mayor and the heads of city agencies and offices that have powers and duties relating to not-for-profit organizations including, but not limited to, the department of finance, the department of environmental protection, the fire department, the department of cultural affairs, the department of small business services, the department of buildings, the economic development corporation, the office of contract services, and the office of management and budget, on issues relating to the not-for-profit sector including, but not limited to, ways in which not-for-profit organizations’ interactions with the city on regulatory matters or application processes could be simplified;

3. Serve as a central source in connection with efforts to devise solutions for problems within city government affecting not-for-profit organizations;

4. Study conditions affecting the not-for-profit sector in the city and assess its health and economic well-being;

5. Recommend to the mayor or head of such department wherein the office has been established policies,

programs and projects which promote the well-being of not-for-profit organizations in the city; and
6. Perform other duties as the mayor or head of such department wherein the office has been established may assign.

d. Within 18 months of the effective date of the local law that added this section, and annually thereafter, the director shall prepare and submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council that shall include, but not be limited to, the activities of the office, any recommendations made by the director pursuant to this section, and the implementation of any such recommendations.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 90 days after it becomes law.

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