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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating a mayor's office of industrial and manufacturing business

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

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

§ 20-F. Office of Industrial and Manufacturing Business. a. There shall be established in the executive office of the mayor an office of industrial and manufacturing business. The office shall be headed by a director, who shall be appointed by the mayor.

b. The office of industrial and manufacturing business shall have the power and duty to:

1. Coordinate with city agencies to facilitate industrial and manufacturing business growth within the city;

2. Manage technical assistance offerings to industrial and manufacturing businesses;

3. Create and implement programs to develop the industrial and manufacturing business workforce; and

4. Make recommendations to the mayor on industrial policy and the availability of property zoned for industrial uses.

c. There shall be an industrial and manufacturing business advisory board to advise the director on matters related to industrial policy and the impact that industrial and manufacturing businesses have on the neighborhoods in which such businesses operate.

1. Such advisory board shall consist of seventeen members as follows:

(i) Eight members shall be appointed by the mayor, provided that one such member shall have advanced specialized training in urban planning, one such member shall be a member of a local community board, one such member shall have advanced specialized training in environmental impact analysis, three such members shall operate industrial manufacturing businesses, one such member shall represent the commercial real estate industry, and one such member shall represent the commercial finance industry; and

(ii) Seven members shall be appointed by the speaker of the council, provided that one such member shall have advanced specialized training in urban planning, one such member shall be a member of a local community board, one such member shall have advanced specialized training in environmental impact analysis, two such members shall operate industrial manufacturing businesses, one such member shall represent the commercial real estate industry, and one such member shall represent the commercial finance industry; and

(iii) The director and the commissioner of the department of small business services shall serve ex officio.

(iv) The director shall serve as chairperson of the advisory board.

2. At the invitation of the director, other individuals may participate in the discussions of the board.

3. Each member, other than those members serving in an ex officio capacity, shall serve for a term of two years, to commence upon the first meeting of the advisory board. Any vacancies in the membership of the advisory board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A person filling such vacancy shall serve for the unexpired portion of the term of the succeeded member.

4. No member of the advisory board shall be removed except for cause and upon notice and hearing by the appropriate appointing official.

5. Members of the advisory board shall serve without compensation and shall meet no less often than every three months.

d. There shall be an office of innovative economy within the office of industrial and manufacturing business to advise the director on new developments in business and business processes, including, but not

limited to, advancements in business technology, changes in the structure of business, new business cost reduction methods and other relevant areas as necessary.

e. There shall be an office of economic improvement within the office of industrial and manufacturing business. Such office shall be responsible for providing technical assistance to the industrial and manufacturing business workforce in furtherance of loans, grants and other financing measures to support such businesses, including, but not limited to, inclusion in the city's designated opportunity zones.

f. Beginning on March 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, the director shall issue a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council specifying the activities undertaken in fulfillment of the duties specified in subdivision b of this section. Such report shall identify major issues affecting industrial and manufacturing businesses within the city, including an analysis of any non-industrial business activity operating in industrial business zones, and provide policy recommendations for addressing such issues.

§ 3. This local law shall take effect 120 days after it becomes law.

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