

## Chapter 6: Advisory Commission for the Review of Compensation Levels of Elected Officials

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### § 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 January, 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 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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