

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER *J*

SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AHAC)

ISSUE: City Council consideration of a proposal to expand the membership of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council pass the ordinance on first reading, and schedule it for public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, September 16, 2006.

DISCUSSION: The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) advises Council on issues regarding the maintenance and promotion of affordable housing, makes recommendations for policies governing the expenditures of the City's Housing Trust Fund monies, and oversees the administration of the Trust Fund. The changes outlined in the Ordinance are recommended by AHAC, based on a request by the Commission on Aging to create a voting member position on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) for a representative of that Commission, and consideration of the idea of Councilman Krupicka to create a voting member position on AHAC for a teacher, or another public service employee, to represent workforce concerns and interests.

AHAC is currently comprised of 12 voting members, all of whom are appointed by Council to represent various groups and/or interests, as follows:

- 1 Builder or developer of residential property
- 1 Real estate professional with knowledge and experience in residential real estate
- 1 Landlord of residential property in the City
- 1 Residential tenant in the City
- 1 Homeowner in the City
- 1 Commissioner from the ARHA Board
- 1 Representative of the City's faith community
- 1 Representative of a civic association in the City
- 1 Representative who is employed by or affiliated with an organization that promotes or maintains affordable housing
- 1 Financial professional with knowledge and experience in the field of finance as it relates to residential housing
- 1 Representative of an employer in the City who employs at least 100 employees
- 1 Licensed and practicing attorney

This past spring, the Office of Housing staff received two requests to expand the Committee's membership. The Commission on Aging requested that AHAC designate "a permanent seat" for one of its members, citing the importance and seriousness of senior housing issues, and that group's desire to support AHAC's work in seeking solutions. In addition, Councilman Krupicka requested that two additional voting members (a teacher and a public service employee) be added to represent workforce concerns regarding housing. On May 4, 2006, the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee considered the requests for additional voting members and elected to recommend to Council that its membership be expanded to include one person designated by (but not necessarily a member of) the Commission on Aging, and one person who is either a City employee or a teacher with the Alexandria City Public Schools. Staff concurs with the recommendations of AHAC.

STAFF:

Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
Mildrilyn Stephens Davis, Director, Office of Housing
Helen McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing

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| 1 | Introduction and first reading: | 9/12/06 |
| 2 | Public hearing: | 9/16/06 |
| 3 | Second reading and enactment: | 9/16/06 |

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5 INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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7 Title

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9 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-4-79 (CREATION, COMPOSITION
10 AND ORGANIZATION) of Article H (AFFORDABLE HOUSING
11 COMMITTEE) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND
12 COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the
13 City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended
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15 Summary

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17 The proposed ordinance would increase the membership of the Affordable
18 Housing Advisory Committee from 12 to 14, by adding one person designated by,
19 but who need not be a member of, the Commission on Aging and by adding one
20 person who is either a City employee or a teacher with the Alexandria City Public
21 Schools.
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23 Sponsor

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27 Staff

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29 Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager
30 Mildrilyn Stephens Davis, Director, Office of Housing
31 Helen McIlvaine, Deputy Director, Office of Housing
32 Roderick B. Williams, Assistant City Attorney
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34 Authority

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36 Alexandria City Charter, § 3.04(g)
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38 Estimated Costs of Implementation

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42 Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

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44 None.
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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-4-79 (CREATION, COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION) of Article H (AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE) of Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 2-4-79 (Creation, composition and organization) of Article H (Affordable Housing Committee) of Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commissions) of Title 2 (General Government) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 2-4-79 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a committee known as the affordable housing advisory committee.

(b) The voting membership shall consist of ~~12~~14 citizen members who shall be appointed by city council. The composition of the voting membership shall be as follows:

(1) one commissioner from the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority;

(2) one licensed and practicing attorney;

(3) one builder or developer of residential property;

(4) one real estate professional with knowledge and experience in residential real estate;

(5) one financial professional with knowledge and experience in the field of finance as it relates to residential housing;

(6) one landlord of residential property in the city;

(7) one residential tenant in the city;

(8) one homeowner in the city;

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(9) one representative of the city's faith community;

(10) one representative of a civic association in the city;

(11) one representative who is employed by or affiliated with an organization that promotes and maintains affordable housing;~~and~~

(12) one representative of an employer in the city who employs at least 100 employees;

(13) one person designated by, but who need not be a member of, the Commission on Aging; and

(14) one person who is either a City employee or a teacher with the Alexandria City Public Schools.

(c) The non-voting membership of the committee shall consist of three representatives of the city who will serve in an advisory capacity. The city representative members shall consist of one representative of each of the following city departments:

(1) the office of housing;

(2) the department of planning and ~~community development~~ zoning; and

(3) the department of human services.

(d) Voting members of the committee shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in article A of this chapter. Such members shall be appointed to three-year staggered terms and shall be eligible for reappointment. One-third of the initial appointments shall be for a one year term, one-third of the initial appointments shall be for a two-year term, and one-third of the initial appointments shall be for a three-year term. Initial terms of office shall be determined by lot at the first committee meeting. Non-voting members shall be appointed by the city manager.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the amendment to the composition of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee made by this ordinance, members of the committee serving on September 16, 2006 shall continue to serve the balance of their terms of office.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

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WILLIAM D. EUILLE
Mayor

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