INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title
AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-7-12 (COMPOSITION; OFFICERS; APPOINTMENT, TERM AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS) of Article B (CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSION), Chapter 7 (CONSUMER AFFAIRS), of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended.

Summary
The proposed ordinance revises the membership of the Consumer Affairs Commission, to permit the appointment of citizens at large in lieu of business representatives, if the positions for business representatives remain unfilled for three months, and to change one position for a consumer action organization representative to a citizen at large position. These changes were requested by the Consumer Affairs Commission.

Sponsor
Staff
Rose Boyd, Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority
§ 3.04(g), Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation
None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)
None
ORDINANCE NO. 2

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 12-7-12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained, to read as follows:

Section 12-7-12 Composition; officers; appointment, term and compensation.

The commission shall consist of 11 members appointed by the city council; two of whom shall be members of the business community, two of whom shall be a member of a local consumer action organization and seven of whom shall be citizens at large; provided, however, that one of the positions designated for a member of a local consumer action organization may be filled by a representative of a local non-profit organization which deals with consumer issues, or by an employee of a state or federal agency which deals with consumer issues, and provided, further that the vacancy for the consumer action organization member has been advertised and has remained unfilled for a period of three months or longer; and provided also that either or both of the positions designated for a member of the business community may be filled by a citizen at large, provided further that the vacancy for the business community member has been advertised and has remained unfilled for a period of three months or longer, and such position shall revert to a position for a member of the business community upon the expiration of the term of such appointee. All members shall be residents of the city; except that one member of the business community and one the member of a consumer action organization may be a nonresident of the city but a resident of the state. All members shall be appointed by city council for three-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the council for the unexpired portion of a term. The commission shall select a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary by a majority vote of all members of the commission. The chairperson shall serve a two-year term and may not succeed himself. In the event that the chair is vacated for any reason, the vice chairperson shall succeed and serve as chairperson for the remainder of the term. A vice chairperson shall be selected by majority vote of all members of the commission to serve as vice chairperson for the unexpired term. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for expenses, subject to the availability of funds.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on the date and at the time of final passage; provided, however that this ordinance shall not affect the term of
office of the members of the Consumer Affairs Commission in office on the effective
date.

William D. Euille
Mayor

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