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## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 4, 2008

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO MODIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ALEXANDRIA  
PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

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**ISSUE:** Request from the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission to modify its membership so that it reflects organizational changes that have occurred over time in many of the member groups and to add a new position which is designed to broaden the Commission's membership base to include all health care providers in the City (Attachment 1).

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** That City Council:

- (1) Approve the membership changes for the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission as noted below.
  - Delete the representative of the Emergency Medical Services Council;
  - Change the representative of the Alexandria Medical Society to a physician practicing in Alexandria nominated by the Medical Society of Northern Virginia;
  - Change the representative of the Alexandria Hospital Board to a representative from Inova Alexandria Hospital;
  - Change the representative of the Alexandria Dental Society to a dentist practicing in the City of Alexandria nominated by the Northern Virginia Dental Society;
  - Add a new position for a representative from the City's Office of Emergency Preparedness; and
  - Add a new position for a representative designated by the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI) Board of Directors; and
- (2) Request the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance which will repeal Resolution Number 790 and incorporate the membership changes requested.

**DISCUSSION:** The Public Health Advisory Commission was established by City Council on May 12, 1981. The Commission is composed of 13 members (see roster – Attachment 2) and it meets monthly. Its membership has not been revised since its inception in 1981, and many of its member organizations have dissolved or changed their names. Recurring and long-term vacancies have convinced the Commission of the need to revise its membership to better reflect the City's current health care safety net.

The addition of the City's Office of Emergency Preparedness reflects the importance of public health in emergency planning in today's world. The Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council, which meets quarterly, has had difficulty filling its slot on the Commission. The change from Alexandria Medical Society to a physician practicing in Alexandria nominated by the Medical Society of Northern Virginia reflects the merger of the Alexandria and Fairfax County Medical Societies. The Alexandria Hospital Board was dissolved when the Hospital changed ownership, however, it is important that there be a representative from the only hospital in the City. The position for a representative from the Alexandria Dental Society has been vacant since January 2002. The Northern Virginia Dental Society is an official component of the Virginia Dental Association, and would most logically represent dental interests on the Commission. Finally, the Commission proposes to add a position for a representative designated by the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. Board. This will increase the Commission's membership from 13 to 14.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1. E-mail from Jerome Cordts to Rose Williams Boyd

Attachment 2. Current Roster of Public Health Advisory Commission Membership

**STAFF:**

Dr. Charles Konigsberg, Director of Public Health

Rose Williams Boyd, Executive Secretary for Boards and Commissions



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03/02/2008 08:53 AM

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Subject Public Health Advisory Commission - Membership change  
request

Rose,

At our February 12, 2008 meeting of the Alexandria  
Public Health Advisory Commission, the commission  
members voted in favor of a series of recommendations  
to update our commission membership. Dr. Konigsberg  
of the Alexandria Health Department should be in touch  
with City Council soon to formalize this request,  
which we have approved.

Membership on the commission has been a topic of  
discussion for several months. It is the consensus of  
our current commissioners that the proposed changes  
are an important step toward strengthening our ability  
to fulfill City Council's charge.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Jerome R. Cordts, Chair,  
Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission

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## **PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The Public Health Advisory Commission provides information about and evaluation of health-related matters and investigates specific health problems.

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Approximately four hours per month are required of Commission members.

**Members: 13**

### **2-YEAR TERM**

#### **Category A:**

1 Representative of Emergency Medical Services Council

1 Representative of the Community Services Board

#### **Category B:**

1 Representative of the Alexandria Medical Society

8 Citizen members: 3 shall be health professionals  
and 5 shall not be health professionals

1 Representative of Alexandria Hospital Board

1 Representative of Alexandria Dental Society

**City Staff:** DEAN BRYANT, ALEXANDRIA HEALTH DEPT., 838-4872

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Original Appointment</u>	<u>Current Appointment</u>	<u>Oath</u>	<u>Expiration of Current Appointment</u>
JEROME CORDTS 120 N. WEST STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314 NON-HEALTH PROFESSIONAL Chair	Res: (571) 312-2228 Bus: (703) 983-4747 Fax: (703) 983-4589 eMail jrcordts@yahoo.com	SYSTEMS ENGINEER MITRE CORP.	12/13/2005	12/11/2007		12/11/2009
ARLENE HEWITT 801 NORTH HOWARD STREET, #570 ALEXANDRIA, VA 223045461 NON-HEALTH PROFESSIONAL	Res: (703) 751-0950 Bus: Fax: (703) 370-2973 eMail arlhewitt@aol.com	RETIRED	2/10/2004	1/8/2008	2/5/2008	1/8/2010
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JOHN KLOUSIA 306 WOODLAND TERRACE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302 ALEXANDRIA MEDICAL SOCIETY REP.	Res: (703) 548-0290 Bus: (703) 370-2132 Fax: (703) 370-8117 eMail jklousia@aol.com	MEDICAL DOCTOR	9/15/2001	2/12/2008		2/12/2010
RICHARD MERRITT 2729 FRANKLIN COURT ALEXANDRIA, VA 22302 NON-HEALTH PROFESSIONAL	Res: (703) 379-8615 Bus: (703) 967-7806 Fax: eMail merrittapprais@aol.com	RETIRED  Acting Chair	3/13/2001	9/25/2007	11/19/2007	9/25/2009

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MARY RILEY 202 E. ALEXANDRIA AVENUE ALEXANDRIA, VA 22301 COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD REPRESENTATIVE	Res: (703) 836-8823 Bus: (703) 836-8823 Fax: (703) 836-2740 eMail maryriley@comcast.net		9/10/2002	9/12/2006	9/26/2006	9/12/2008
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POSITION VACANT, I  , HEALTH PROFESSIONAL	Res: Bus: Fax: eMail					

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Introduction and first reading:	6/14/08
Public hearing:	6/24/08
Second reading and enactment:	6/24/08

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article U (PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION).

Summary

The proposed ordinance constitutes the existing Public Health Advisory Commission as a standing committee established by ordinance. In addition, the proposed ordinance changes the membership of the commission from 13 members to 14 members, including citizens, health care practitioners, institutional and governmental representatives. No substantive change in the functions, powers or duties of the commission is being made.

Sponsor

Public Health Advisory Commission

Staff

Dr. Charles Konigsberg, Jr. Health Director  
Rose Williams Boyd, Executive Secretary, 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. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding thereto a new Article U (PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION).

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 4 of Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto a new Article U to read as follows:

[The following is all new language.]

ARTICLE U

Public Health Advisory Commission

Sec. 2-4-140            Creation, composition, organization and term.

(a)     The Public Health Advisory Commission, initially established by Resolution No. 790, adopted May 12, 1981, is hereby established by ordinance and designated as a standing committee known as the Public Health Advisory Commission.

(b)     The fourteen members of the commission shall be appointed by the City Council as follows:

- (1)     three citizen members, who shall be health professionals who at the time of appointment derive, or within the previous five years derived, their principal income from providing health care, health services or health related activities;
- (2)     five citizen members, who shall not be health professionals as defined above;
- (3)     a physician practicing in the City, nominated by the Alexandria Medical Society;
- (4)     a dentist practicing in the City, nominated by the Northern Virginia Dental Society;
- (5)     a representative of the Alexandria Community Services Board, nominated by such board;

- 1 (6) a representative from the Inova Alexandria Hospital, nominated by the  
2 hospital;  
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4 (7) a representative from the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc.  
5 Board of Directors, nominated by such board, and  
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7 (8) a representative from the City's Office of Emergency Preparedness,  
8 nominated by the city manager.  
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11 (c) The members of the commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in title  
12 2, chapter 4, article a of this code. The members shall serve for a term of two years, and such  
13 terms shall be staggered, except that a member who is the representative of an organization shall  
14 cease to be a member upon termination of such representative capacity. City council shall fill  
15 vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term.  
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18 Sec. 2-4-131 Functions, powers and duties; staff assistance.  
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20 (a) The functions, powers and duties of the commission shall be to advise and support  
21 the city and the city council as to:  
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- 23 (1) evaluating and advising regarding any and all health matters in the City; the  
24 planning for and coordination of public health needs, services and programs,  
25 and regarding the priority of public health needs, services and programs in  
26 the City;  
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28 (2) to provide information and evaluation of public health related matters at the  
29 request of city council;  
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31 (3) to investigate specific public health issues on its own initiative and at the  
32 request of the city council, and render advice and recommendations for  
33 evaluating and ameliorating such issues as the commission deems  
34 appropriate;  
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36 (4) to provide a forum for the discussion of public health matters for citizens  
37 and health professionals in the City;  
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39 (5) to render advice and recommendations concerning the advantage or  
40 disadvantage of specific health care practices or services to the public;  
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42 (6) to do and consider all things necessary or convenient to carry out the  
43 responsibilities expressly given in this subsection; and

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2 (7) such other tasks as may be requested by the city council.  
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5 (b) Except as expressly provided in this article, the commission may adopt rules and  
6 regulations in regard to procedure and other matters for the conduct of its business, so long as the  
7 same are not inconsistent with the city code, including, but not limited to, the establishment of  
8 committees through which it may carry on its functions, duties and purpose.  
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10 (c) Subject to the availability of funds and staff, the city manager and director of the  
11 Alexandria Health Department shall provide staff or other assistance to the commission.  
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13 Section 2. That no provision of this ordinance shall be deemed to affect the  
14 appointments or terms of the members of the Public Health Advisory Commission in office on  
15 the effective date hereof.  
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17 Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time  
18 of its final passage.  
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20 WILLIAM D. EUILLE  
21 Mayor  
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24 First Reading: 6/14/08  
25 Publication:  
26 Public Hearing:  
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