

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 17, 2018

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: DENISE L. TENNANT, CHAIR, ALEXANDRIA BEAUTIFICATION
COMMISSION

DOCKET TITLE:

Proposal to amend and reordain section 2-4-190 (b), Article X, Chapter 4 of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981.

ISSUE: To create a transition plan for the implementation of the amended Beautification Commission ordinance.

PROPOSAL:

The Beautification Commission will vote to put forward three members that satisfy the requirements of amended Sec. 2-4-190(b)(1)-(3) respectively for designation by City Council as individuals satisfying the composition requirements. If there are no members of the Beautification Commission qualified to fill a position, the position will be announced the next time a vacancy occurs for a reason other than a current member applying for a subsequent term.

The amended ordinance is necessary to ensure that certain qualifications are present on the Beautification Commission at all times. Nothing in this proposal is intended to restrict an individual that would be eligible for a seat requiring special qualifications from serving on the Beautification Commission as a citizen-at-large when the seat requiring special qualifications is occupied. If a seat requiring special qualifications becomes vacant, an existing member occupying a citizen-at-large position may apply for that vacancy; however, if the existing member is not selected to the seat requiring special qualifications, the member will continue to occupy their citizen-at-large position.

BACKGROUND:

The Beautification Commission has submitted an amendment to section 2-4-190 (b), Article X, Chapter 4 of Title 2 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981 for consideration by City Council. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure there are always members of the

Beautification Commission that possess certain professional skills and technical expertise to support the Commission in fulfilling its mandated functions.

ESTIMATED COST OF IMPLEMENTATION:

None

STAFF:

Adrienne Sakyi, Assistant City Attorney

Gloria Sitton, City Clerk

Oscar Mendoza, Division Chief, Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

James Spengler, Director, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

- **ARTICLE X - Alexandria Beautification Commission**

- **Sec. 2-4-190 - Creation, composition and organization.**

(a)

There is hereby established a commission known as the Alexandria Beautification Commission ("commission").

(b)

The commission shall consist of 16 members to be appointed by the city council. All 16 members shall be citizens of the City of Alexandria.

(c)

Members of the commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in article A of this title.

(d)

Members shall serve for a term of two years. Terms shall be staggered so that no more than half the commission will come up for reappointment in any year.

(Ord. No. 4646, 1/23/10, Sec. 1)

- **Sec. 2-4-191 - Functions.**

(a)

The functions of the commission shall be as follows:

(1)

to serve in an advisory capacity to the city council and the citizens of Alexandria on all matters related to the beautification of the city; and

(2)

to serve in an advisory capacity regarding the beautification of portals to the city.

(b)

The commission force shall hold at least four regular meetings each year, and as many special meetings as the commission may deem advisable.

(c)

The commission force is empowered to adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure so long as the same are not inconsistent with the city code, including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees through which it may carry on its functions and purpose.

(d)

A commission chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the commission members at the organizational meeting designated by the commission.

(e)

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities and such other departments of the city as the city manager may direct shall provide

(Ord. No. 4646, 1/23/10, Sec. 1)