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City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 6, 2013

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER /s/

**DOCKET TITLE:**

Introduction and First Reading. Consideration. Passage on First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology to Revise the Composition and Organization of the Commission; to Alter the Functions of Commission; and to Provide for Administrative and Logistical Support.

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**ISSUE:** Council consideration of an ordinance to amend and reordain Article N (Alexandria Commission on Information Technology of Chapter 4 (Committee Board and Commissions) of Title 2 (General Government) of the City Code the on for the purpose of altering the Commission's composition and organization, and expanding the functions of the Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council pass the ordinance, (Attachment 1) on first reading on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 and schedule a public hearing, second reading and final passage on Saturday, November 16, 2013.

**DISCUSSION:** Proposed modifications to the IT Commission were drafted and offered by members of the IT Commission for the purpose of enhancing the composition and functioning of this advisory group. Staff reviewed the proposed amendments suggested by the Commission and agrees the revisions are both necessary and appropriate. Additionally staff offers revisions to the language of the City Code. A summary of all changes and the source of the suggested revision is noted in the following:

**Composition Revisions**

- Eliminate the current requirement for a Commission member representing the City's cable television franchise holder (Section 2-4-112 (b) (5) - IT Commission);
- Eliminate the current requirement for a Commission member representing a local telephone

communication services provider (Section 2-4-112 (b) (6) - IT Commission);

- Add a Commission member designated as a student representative from TC Williams High School (Section 2-4-112 (b) (7) - IT Commission);
- Add a Citizen at-large member (Section 2-4-112 (b) (8) - IT Commission);

### **Organization Revisions**

- Eliminate as a service competence, an individual possessing experience, education, interest or employment in Cable Television (Section 2-4-112 (e) (1) - IT Commission)
- Add as a service competence, an individual possessing experience, education, interest or employment in the application of computer technologies for improvement of business processes and analytics (Section 2-4-112 (e) (6) - City Staff)

### **Function Revisions**

- Add as a function of the Commission, service as an independent expert resource and evaluator on matters of information, digital, and telecommunications technologies (Section 2-4-113 (a) (2) - IT Commission);
- Add as a function of the Commission the promotion of civic engagement through digital technologies (Section 2-4-113 (a) (4) - IT Commission);
- Eliminate as a function of the Commission the provision of advice to City Council on matters related to Cable Television and specifically guidance on the use of funds for access and local origination programming (Section 2-4-113 (a) (6) - IT Commission) ;
- Add as a function of the Commission the education of Alexandria citizens and businesses regarding information and digital technologies (Section 2-4-113 (a) (8) - IT Commission);
- Add as a function of the Commission, the promotion of innovation and commerce in the use of information, telecommunication and digital technologies (Section 2-4-113 (a) (9) - IT Commission) ;
- Add as a function of the Commission, service as a proponent for expanded use of wireline and wireless broadband and service as a proponent for an increased number of providers within the City (Section 2-4-113 (a) (10) - IT Commission) .
- Amend existing language to designate the Department of Information Technology Services as the primary agency for providing administrative and logistical support to the IT Commission. Additional staff support to be provided as needed and at the direction of the City Manager (Section 2-4-113 (e) - City Staff).

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment 1: Cover Sheet

Attachment 2: Proposed Ordinance

**STAFF:**

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