

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 1143

Introduced by _____ Council President Ringsaker

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 PERTAINING TO WATER & SEWER COMMISSION, AND MARINA COMMISSION

On: March 4, 2024
at: 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Ordinance having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on March 18, 2024 at 7:31 p.m., and concluded on March 18, 2024 at 7:32 p.m.

EXPLANATION
Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.
[Bold Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Amendments proposed prior to final adoption will be noted on a separate page with line references or by handwritten changes on the draft legislation.

BE IT ORDAINED, that Chapter 25 is hereby amended as follows:

Article XI Water/Sewer Commission

§ 25-67 **Officers; proceedings; quorum.**

A. **[The Commission shall be chaired by the nonvoting City Council member]**, In June of each year, the Commission shall elect a Chairperson from its members for one year, who shall be eligible for re-election and who shall be responsible for the convening of each meeting. In the absence of the Commission Chairperson, the Director of Administration or his/her designee shall act as the Chairperson. In the event of a tie vote on issues before the Commission, the Chairperson shall have the right, but not the requirement, to cast a vote.

B. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and keep a record of the proceedings.

C. A quorum at any meeting shall be a minimum of five voting members, at least three of whom shall be citizen members. The presence of the Chairperson does not count in the determination of a quorum. **[At the time of appointment, the Mayor shall designate which of the Council members shall serve as the Commission Chairperson.]**

§ 25-68 **Appointment of members; terms and replacement.**

A. Citizen members. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint all citizen members pursuant to the qualifications listed for such members. The initial appointment for these members shall be in the form of staggered terms in that one shall be appointed to a term of three years, one appointed for a term of two years and one appointed for a term of one year. After the initial appointment of the Commission, members shall serve three-year terms, with the capacity for reappointment. When a citizen member cannot complete his term or is removed from membership by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Commission will be served thereby, the Mayor shall, with the advice and consent of the City Council, appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that member's term.

B. Staff members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor as described in § 25-66 and shall serve until a replacement member is selected by the Mayor.

C. Council members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve in accordance with their terms as members of the City Council or until a replacement member is selected by the Mayor. **[At the time of appointment, the Mayor shall designate which of the Council members shall serve as the Commission Chairperson.]**

Article XII Marina Commission

§ 25-74 **Officers; proceedings; quorum.**

- A. **[The Commission shall be chaired by the nonvoting City Council member],** In June of each year, the Commission shall elect a Chairperson from its members for one year, who shall be eligible for re-election and who shall be responsible for the convening of each meeting. In the event of a tie vote on issues before the Commission, this member shall have the right, but not the requirement, to cast a vote. The Commission members shall select one member to serve as chair in the absence of the Commission chairman.
- B. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and keep a record of the proceedings.
- C. A quorum at any meeting shall be a minimum of four voting members, at least two of whom shall be citizen members. The presence of the chairperson does not count in the determination of a quorum.

§ 25-75 **Appointment of members; terms and replacement.**

- A. Citizen members. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint all citizen members pursuant to the qualifications listed for such members. The initial appointment for these members shall be in the form of staggered terms in that two shall be appointed to a term of three years, two appointed for a term of two years and one appointed for a term of one year. After the initial appointment of the Commission, members shall serve three-year terms, with the capacity for reappointment. When a citizen member cannot complete his term or is removed from membership by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Commission will be served thereby, the Mayor shall, with the advice and consent of the City Council, appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that member's term.
- B. Staff members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve until a replacement member is selected by the Mayor.
- C. **[Council members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the concurrence of the Council President, and shall serve in accordance with their terms as members of the City Council or until a replacement member is selected by the Mayor.]** Council members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve in accordance with their terms as members of the City Council or until a replacement member is selected by the Mayor.

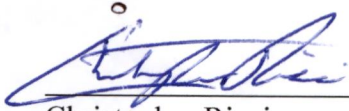
NOW, THEREFORE, it is determined, decided, and ordained by the City Council that the foregoing amendments to the City Code are hereby approved.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this 1st day of April, 2024.

SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this 2nd day of April, 2024.

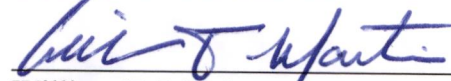
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ATTEST:



Christopher Ricci
Director of Administration

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF HAVRE DE GRACE



William T. Martin
Mayor

Introduced/First Reading: 3/4/2024
Public Hearing: 3/18/2024
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