

O-9-16 Removing Members of Boards and Commissions Staff Report

The legislation amends Chapter 2.04, General Municipal Regulations, to provide a formal process to remove appointed members of City boards and commissions for cause. As proposed the Mayor may remove members of boards and commissions without consulting with the City Council when there is cause. In removing an appointed member of a board or commission, the Mayor will be required to give notice to both the member and to the City Council.

“Cause” includes material falsification of one’s credentials; failing to attend meetings; inattention to one’s duties as a commissioner or violation of the board or commission bylaws; moving away; a recommendation of the Ethics Commission; conviction of a crime or of a violation of the Maryland Open Meetings Act; incapacitating mental or physical disability; malfeasance; misconduct; and abuse of office.

The City Council is authorized to remove appointed members of City boards and commissions for cause in the event that the Mayor doesn’t act.

Members of City boards and commissions who have been removed or suspended may appeal the action to binding arbitration within 30 days.

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