

Rules and City Government
Proposed Amendments

1 **..Title**

2 **Equal Protection Commission**~~Commission~~**TASK FORCE** – For the purpose of creating a
3 **TEMPORARY ADVISORY TASK FORCE** ~~Commission—to—study—and~~
4 **COMMISSIONED TO** provide the Mayor and City Council with a public forum **FOR**
5 **STUDYING AND PREPARING REPORTS ABOUT THE ISSUES OF FOREIGN-**
6 **BORN RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS** ~~to recommend and act to~~
7 ~~understand, mandate and enforce “equal protection under the law” in Annapolis;~~ and all
8 matters relating to said ~~Commission~~**TASK FORCE**.

9 **..Body**

10 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
11 **City of Annapolis**

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13 **Resolution 7-17**

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15 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

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18 **Referred to:**

19 **Public Safety Committee**
20 **Rules and City Government**

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22 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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25 **EQUAL PROTECTION** ~~COMMISSION~~**TASK FORCE**

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27 **FOR** the purpose of creating a **TEMPORARY ADVISORY TASK FORCE**
28 ~~Commission—to—study—and~~**COMMISSIONED TO** provide the Mayor and City
29 Council with a public forum **FOR STUDYING AND PREPARING REPORTS**
30 **ABOUT THE ISSUES OF FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF**
31 **ANNAPOLIS** ~~to recommend and act to understand, mandate and enforce “equal~~
32 ~~protection under the law” in Annapolis;~~ and all matters relating to said
33 ~~Commission~~**TASK FORCE**

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35 ~~**WHEREAS** the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees all~~
36 ~~persons equal protection of law; and~~

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38 ~~**WHEREAS** the Mayor and City Council have a fundamental and compelling interest in~~
39 ~~providing all persons in Annapolis with equal protection applicable to the~~
40 ~~laws of the City as codified in the Annapolis City Code, as revised from~~
41 ~~time to time; and~~

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43 **WHEREAS** the Mayor and City Council desire to address the concerns, fears and
44 questions raised about **THE NEEDS, CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ISSUES**

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1 OF FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS IN
2 EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS: 1) TRANSPORTATION, 2)
3 EDUCATION, (3) COMMUNICATION, 4) ECONOMICS AND
4 FINANCES, 5) SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CONCERNS, 6) HEALTH
5 CARE, AND 7) CITY SERVICES AND OUTREACH ~~matters of equal~~
6 ~~protection enforcement of laws under the City of Annapolis jurisdiction.~~
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8 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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10 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of
11 Annapolis Equal Protection ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE be and the same is hereby
12 appointed.
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14 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
15 in support of those purposes:
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- 17 1. The members of the ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE shall be no more than NINE (9),
18 with a chair to be elected;
- 19 2. The members of the ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE shall serve without
20 compensation;
- 21 3. The members of the ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE shall elect from among their
22 membership a CHAIR vice chair and secretary;
- 23 4. THE CITY COUNCIL SHALL SOLICIT VOLUNTEERS FOR MEMBERSHIP
24 ON THE TASK FORCE FROM THE ANNAPOLIS AREA.
- 25 45. The ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE shall meet publicly at least ~~once~~ a
26 ~~month~~ QUARTERLY and, where feasible, shall take testimony from the public at
27 each meeting;
- 28 56. Findings and recommendations OF THE TASK FORCE shall be submitted
29 publicly in a quarterly report to the Mayor and City Council; and
- 30 67. The CHAIR, VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE
31 business of the ~~Commission~~ TASK FORCE shall be conducted consistent with
32 the provisions of THE MARYLAND OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND Robert's
33 Rules of Order (11th Edition).
- 34 8. THE TASKFORCE SHALL HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO RENDER PUBLIC
35 DECISIONS OR OPINIONS, OR ACCEPT COMPLAINTS, OR ACT AS A
36 MEDIATOR TO RESOLVE DISAGREEMENTS;
- 37 9. IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICTS
38 BETWEEN THE TASKFORCE AND THE HUMAN RELATIONS
39 COMMISSION, THE TASKFORCE SHALL DEFER TO THE AUTHORITY
40 OF SUCH COMMISSION; AND
- 41 10. THE TERM OF THE TASKFORCE SHALL END ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE
42 DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION, UNLESS THE CITY COUNCIL TAKES
43 FURTHER ACTION TO EXTEND SUCH TERM.
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