

**FY 2015 Budget Amendment Request (May 21, 2014)
Pindell Charles #1**

This form is for City Council use in requesting an amendment to legislation on the FY 2015 budget and related legislation. Use of this form is designed to help facilitate the City Council's adoption of a balanced budget in June and to ensure that City staff can analyze all budget amendment requests for their appropriate impact on the budget and/or legal sufficiency. The form is not intended to prevent City Council members from offering amendments from the floor during the City Council's discussion of the budget in June; rather, the goal is to assist in the City Council's orderly consideration of amendments.

Check legislation to amend: *Please use a separate form for each item of legislation amended.*

- Ordinance 8-14: FY 2015 Operating Budget**

Sponsored by: Alderwoman Rhonda Pindell Charles, Ward 3 Date:

Name and Date of Original Document (i.e., FY 2015 Operating Budget, Introduced)	Category, Page Number, Line Number (i.e., General Fund, Page 1, Line 8 – Revenues)	Current Amount	Proposed Amount State + or -	Net Change
1. FY15 Budget as of 5-19-14	Restore Administrative position in DNEP	2,161,950.49		+40,000
2. FY15 Budget as of 5-19-14	Aldersperson Salary			-13,500.00
3. FY15 Budget as of 5-19-14	Aldersperson Expences			-1,500.00
4. FY15 Budget as of 5-19-14	Mayors Budget - Fireworks			-12,500.00
5. FY15 Budget as of 5-19-14	AEDC			-12,500.00
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Objectives of the amendment(s): To fully reinstate the full-time position, with benefits, of the Office Associate position, currently housed in DNEP. See narrative attached/below.

OPTIONS/PROPOSALS TO FULLY REINSTATE THE FULL-TIME OFFICE ASSOCIATE POSITION, WITH BENEFITS, CURRENTY HOUSED IN DNEP:

Move my personal salary and expense account (totaling \$15,000.00) from the Mayor's budget to DNEP and/or P&Z as a starting point to reinstate this position and hopefully, DNEP and P&Z are able (and probably willing) to come up with the remaining funds; and the person in this position can work for DNEP and P&Z. It is my understanding that this position is and can be very vital to both departments.

I should note here that: I am especially willing to go public with this proposal, as well as my other proposals.

Use the salary of the retiring person in P&Z to cover the salary to reinstate this position; and this person can work for P&Z and DNEP. It is my understanding that this position is and can be very vital to both departments.

Use part of the \$200,000.00 that is probably coming over from Economic Development to cover this salary. This is how it would work: In the P&Z budget, they have \$25,000.00 allocated in their salary account line for the part-time Main Street Program coordinator. There is also \$12,500.00 in their Contract Services account line for the Main Street Program. If P&Z gets the money from the Annapolis Economic Development Corporation, they could pay for the Main Street position and program out of that money, since it is economic development.

That is currently \$200,000.00 and does not seem to be tied to keeping the people who currently work at Annapolis Economic Development Corporation. The \$12,500.00 would need to be moved from Contract Services to salary--that would be one amendment. To make up the rest of the salary, they could either use other money from the economic development money, as this position will be providing administrative assistance to Main Streets. Another option is to take the money for the Cultural Landscape Report (\$100,000.00) and divide it in half--have \$50,000.00 go to FY2015 and \$50,000.00 to be allocated in FY2016. The extra \$50,000.00 and the \$37,500.00 from Main Street would be more than enough to cover the position's salary and benefits.

Regarding the budget that Bruce e-mailed to us on late Friday night, 5/16/14: On Line #1258, the Mayor has allocated \$20,000.00 for "Fireworks". Albeit it is a part of Rec & Parks' budget, and I and my family have always loved and enjoyed the fireworks, transferring a small part of these funds to P&Z and/or DNEP's budget to reinstate the position is an option.

Also, for example, if each department "shaved off" anywhere from .005% to 1% of their "Supplies" budget, i.e., non-personnel budget items, this would quite possibly be more than enough to reinstate this position (and/or result in a substantial savings in the overall budget).

On Line #1742, "Depreciation", under the Mayor's budget, is this an actual cash expense or is this merely an accounting entry? In other words, are these real dollars? I have received information from a couple of accounting/budgeting people in another County governmental entity who are "confused" about this entry. The specific and complete explanation for this entry is forthcoming from Bruce—I e-mailed him this morning, 5/21/14.

NOTE:

Although we, as Council members, have received many letters and requests (publicly), as well as public testimony, regarding the restoration of the very "prominent" and "professional" positions (and arguably, "political" positions), I would assume that no one has written one to save this Office Associate position. This is very unfortunate. Oftentimes, the "seemingly" nameless and the faceless are too often overlooked. So I

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am willing to do whatever it takes to save this position--for the good of all.

As everyone is aware, I have said publicly, many times, and I will continue to repeat it and to stick by it (and obviously Bill Kardash heard me too and quoted me accurately) that I don't want anyone to lose their jobs. I am extraordinarily passionate about this. As we all do, I speak from my own personal perspectives and background. We all have our own lens and our own passions.

AND I want to make it perfectly clear: No one has come to me and asked me about saving this job. However, I take everything personal. I believe in literally, putting my money where my mouth is!

Based upon these proposals and various options, I am extremely confident that this very vital and important position of Office Associate, currently housed in DNEP, will be reinstated fully, full-time, with benefits.

Thank you.