



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley

From: Teresa Sutherland, City Manager

Date: January 8, 2020

Subject: O-38-19: Housing and Community Development Committee

Currently, Section 2.48.340 of the City Code establishes a Housing and Community Development Committee comprising the three alderpersons who are members of the Housing and Human Welfare standing committee, the chair of the Annapolis Housing Authority, and three City residents who possess a demonstrated interest in housing and community development concerns.

This proposed ordinance renames this committee the “Affordable Housing and Community Equity Development Commission.” The composition of the group remains the same. The ordinance also:

- Specifies who serves as Chair if the chair of the Housing and Human Welfare Committee is not present at a meeting.
- Clarifies that notice of meetings and agendas shall be published in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act.
- Provides that revision to the published agenda may only be by unanimous consent of the members present.
- Provides that four members constitutes a quorum, provided no fewer than one aldermanic member is present. (Currently the Code provides that three members constitute a quorum, provided at least two aldermanic members are present.)
- Removes from the duties of the commission the responsibility and authority to review and approve all personnel involved in housing and community development activities.

Suggested amendments

I suggest consideration of the following amendments:

- On page 1, line 45, strike “chair of the Annapolis Housing Authority” and substitute “chair of the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis Board of Commissioners.” (This is assuming the City Council has the authority to the Chair of the HACA board to

- serve on the commission as is provided for in the current Code provisions.)
- On page 2, in line 14, after “chair”, strike beginning with “ALL” down through “meeting” in line 16. This commission is a public body that must comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act. There is no reason to state explicitly in City Code that such compliance is required.
 - The Council may wish to consider allowing a majority of the quorum present to revise the published agenda without unanimous consent.

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