

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-142(c) OF THE AIKEN CITY CODE REGARDING THE PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES.

WHEREAS, Section 2-142(c) of the Aiken City Code governs the procedures followed by the Council of the City of Aiken to appoint the members of the various City Boards, Commissions and Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Aiken has reviewed the process of appointing members to the various City Boards, Commissions, and Committees and desires to amend this process to allow the terms of these members to run concurrently with the terms of the City Council members who appoint them; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Aiken has concluded that the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Aiken City Code is essential to the general health, safety, welfare and economic stability of the City and is in the best interest of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AIKEN HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1: The language in Section 2-142(c) of the Aiken City Code shall be amended to read as follows:

(c) Members of boards, commissions, and committees who are appointed by city council shall serve for a period of time to coincide with the current term of the council member who recommended that appointment, unless a shorter term is provided. In the event that members of boards, commissions, and committees have time remaining to serve on a board, commission, or committee following the election or appointment of a new council member, their terms shall expire once the newly elected or appointed council member has appointed that member's replacement in accordance with Sec. 2-142(b).

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption by the Council of the City of Aiken.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Aiken at its regular meeting held this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017 at which a quorum was present and voting.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING: September 25, 2017

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: October 9, 2017

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MAYOR

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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CITY ATTORNEY

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CITY CLERK

## Exhibit "A"

### Sec. 2-142. Composition and terms of specific boards, commissions, and committees

(a) This section shall apply to the following boards, commissions, and committees whose makeup is as follows:

	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Terms</u>
Accommodations tax committee	7	2 years
Arts commission	7	2 years
Board of zoning appeals	7	3 years
Building code appeals commission	7	2 years
Community development committee	7	2 years
Design review board	7	2 years
Energy and environmental committee	7	2 years
General aviation commission	7	2 years
Housing authority board	7	5 years
Park commission	7	2 years
Planning commission	7	2 years
Recreation commission	7	2 years
Senior commission	7	2 years

(b) These boards, commissions, and committees shall be comprised of seven members with the terms set forth above. Each member of City Council shall have appointment power for one member of each Commission, Board or Committee. Upon the expiration of a member's term, the applicable council member shall nominate a replacement. Each nomination shall be voted upon by City Council in a public session. If a nomination fails to be approved by a majority of Council, the Council member making the nomination shall nominate a replacement member. This process shall be repeated until City Council approves a Council member's nominee by a majority vote.

(c) Members of boards, commissions, and committees shall serve staggered terms in compliance with state statutes and city codes. In order to accomplish staggering terms, appointments of three members of each board shall expire in even-numbered years and the appointments of four members shall expire in odd-numbered years. In order to insure that boards, commissions terms are properly staggered, some members who are appointed within the two years following the enactment of this ordinance will serve varied terms. These terms will be specifically set forth in the resolution that appoints these members. Specifically, the community development committee, the environmental committee, the historic preservation commission, and the planning commission all will have a significant number of their members eligible for reappointment, or replacement, in 2002. Council members responsible for appointing members in 2002 will have a drawing to determine which members of the boards and commissions will serve one-year terms and which members will serve two-year terms. Since state law requires members of the board of zoning appeals to serve at least three-year terms, they will be selected to serve either three-year terms or four-year terms for their next appointment only. Once the staggering of terms is achieved, the board members shall be selected to serve for terms as set forth in the chart in subparagraph (a) above.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) Members of these boards and commissions shall not serve as chair for more than three consecutive years. A former chair may be reelected as chair or vice chair only after a period of one year has passed since the expiration of their term as chair. Vice-chairs who serve their terms may be elected as chairs without an intervening one year period. Service as vice chair shall not affect the number of years a member may serve as chair. Chairs, who are currently serving, may complete their existing term unless removed by City Council for cause.~~

(e) (d) City staff shall maintain a list of citizens who volunteer to serve on boards, commissions, and committees. A short application or resume may be used to show a citizen's interest in serving on boards, commissions, and committees. Council members may review current volunteer applications before selecting candidates for appointment to a board, commission, or committee. Council members should make sure that proposed candidates have no apparent conflict of interest. Council members should exert every effort to propose individuals who broadly represent the Aiken community. Nominations to the boards, commissions, and committees shall be accompanied by an application, or resume, of the proposed appointee.

(f) (e) These appointments shall be made under all applicable federal laws, state statutes and city ordinances, including, but not limited to, Sections 6-29-350, 6-29-360, 6-29-780, 6-29-790 and 6-29-870 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, (as amended).

(g) ~~No appointee shall serve for a period of more than \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive terms. Time of prior service shall be considered for purposes of making this calculation. However, members currently serving shall be allowed to complete their current appointed terms.~~