

Ordinance 2015-169
Ratified November 24, 2015

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND SEC. 54-233 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON (ZONING ORDINANCE) PERTAINING TO THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW. **(AS AMENDED)**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Sec. 54-233 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) is hereby amended by deleting subsection (a) thereof and by substituting in its place and stead a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

“ (a) Two Boards of Architectural Review are hereby established, to be known as the Board of Architectural Review – Small (the “BAR-S”) and the Board of Architectural Review – Large (the “BAR-L”). The BAR-S shall hear and decide applications for projects that are up to 10,000 square feet in size. The BAR-L shall hear and decide applications for projects that exceed 10,000 square feet. Demolition applications shall be assigned to either the BAR-S or BAR-L, as determined by staff.”

Section 2. Sec. 54-233 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) is hereby amended by amending subsection (b) thereof to read as follows (amendatory language in **bold**):

“ (b) **Each** Board of Architectural Review shall consist of **five (5)** members and **two (2)** alternates who do not hold any other public office or position in the City of Charleston and are appointed by City Council. Board members shall be citizens of the City of Charleston, or non-citizens owners or principals of businesses located in the City. **Each Board shall include two (2) registered architects, an attorney, a licensed professional involved in construction or engineering and a lay person. The members and alternates shall have a demonstrated interest in historic design or preservation and at least one of the following fields: fine arts, architecture, structural engineering, landscape architecture, civil engineering, urban design, city planning, preservation, construction, real estate development, law or associated disciplines. Each board shall elect one of its members chairman, who shall serve**

for a term of one year or until reelected or a successor is elected and qualified. **Each** board shall appoint a secretary who may be an officer of the governing authority. **Each** board shall adopt rules of procedure.”

Section 3. Sec. 54-233 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) is hereby amended by amending subsection (c) thereof to read as follows (amendatory language in **bold**):

“c. The initial term of **three (3) of the five (5) members and one (1) alternate** first appointed **to the BAR-S and BAR-L** shall expire on the date of the first regular City Council meeting in January following their appointment, and the initial term of the **other two (2) of the five (5) members and the other alternate first appointed to the BAR-S and BAR-L** shall expire on the date of the first regular City Council meeting in January two years thereafter. Following the initial term, the terms of all members **and alternates** shall be **three (3) years**. No member shall serve more than two successive **three-year terms**. **A member who has served two successive three-year terms on the BAR-S is not disqualified from serving two successive three-year terms on the BAR-L, and vice versa.** An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be only for the expired portion of the term.”

Section 4. Section 54-233 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) is hereby amended by deleting subsection (d) thereof in its entirety and by re-lettering subsections (e) and (f) thereof to subsection (d) and (e), respectively.

Section 5. This Ordinance shall become effective **January 1, 2016**.

Ratified in City Council this ____ day of _____
in the Year of Our Lord, 2015,
and in the ____th Year of the Independence of
the United States of America

Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council