

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED “ZONING”, ARTICLE 12, SECTION 12-705 TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTED TO THE ARB TO TWO (2) MEMBERS; AND REQUIRE THAT AT LEAST ONE (1) VOTING MEMBER POSSESS KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE IN THE RENOVATION OR REPAIR OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES THAT ARE AT LEAST FIFTY (50) YEARS OLD.

WHEREAS Appendix “A” of the Chesapeake City Code, entitled “Zoning” Article 12, Section 12-705 establishes the Board of Historic and Architectural Review (“ARB”) and identifies the number and qualifications of the appointed voting members of the ARB; and

WHEREAS the Council of the City of Chesapeake finds the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia that Appendix “A” of the Chesapeake City Code, entitled “Zoning” Article 12, Section 12-705 be amended and reenacted as follows:

ARTICLE 12 – SPECIAL OVERLAY DISTRICTS

§ 12-705. - Board of historic and architectural review.

There is hereby created and established a board of historic and architectural review ("review board") to administer the procedural and architectural guidelines and standards adopted under this ordinance including, without limitation, the approval of certificates of appropriateness for new construction, alterations, additions, repairs, renovations, relocations and demolitions in the HC district. The review board shall be comprised of seven (7) voting members appointed by city council and one (1) city employee appointed by the review board to serve as recording secretary. The seven (7) voting members shall include the following:

- (1) Two (2) ~~Three (3)~~ members of the Chesapeake historic preservation commission.
- (2) One (1) member who possesses a knowledge or experience in the renovation or repair of historic structures that are at least fifty (50) years old.

(3) Four (4) citizens of the city, of which two (2) shall be residents in a historic overlay district. One such resident shall also own real property in the district. In addition, one of the four citizen members shall be involved in the shelter industry.

The makeup of the architectural review board shall consist of at least one (1) licensed professional architect, preferably having experience or knowledge of historic architecture, and at least four (4) persons having competency or knowledge in the fields of history, architectural history, archeology or historic preservation as demonstrated through education or related work experience. Voting members shall be appointed by city council for staggered terms of four (4) years. The review board shall elect officers, adopt procedures and bylaws and meet at such times as it may determine to be appropriate and in any event, within forty (40) days after an application for a certificate of appropriateness has been filed. All vacancies in the review board shall be filled by city council for the unexpired portion of the term.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Council