

DOCKET ITEM:  
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TO: Mayor Krasnoff, Vice Mayor de Triquet and Members of the City Council

Re: **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CHESAPEAKE PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 12, SECTION 12-705 OF THE CHESAPEAKE ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.**

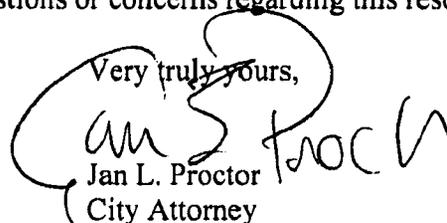
Pursuant to the request of Council Member Ike, please find enclosed a resolution initiating amendments to Section 12-705 of the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance to amend the number and qualifications of the members of the Board of Historic and Architectural Review ("ARB"). The proposal arose out of a motion by the ARB to request City Council to change the membership and qualifications as follows:

- Increase membership from seven to nine members.
- Decrease the number of members who also serve on the Historic Preservation Commission from three to one.
- Increase the number of citizen members from two to four.
- Require at least one member to reside in the South Norfolk Historic Preservation District.
- Require at least one member to serve on the South Norfolk Revitalization Commission.
- Require at least one member to be a member of the South Norfolk Civic League.
- Require at least two members to have measurable experience in construction or building repairs and maintenance.

The adoption of the enclosed initiating resolution will send the proposed amendment to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation. The amendment will then come to the City Council for final action.

Please advise if you have any questions or concerns regarding this resolution.

Very truly yours,

  
Jan L. Proctor  
City Attorney

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Enclosure

cc: James E. Baker, City Manager  
Jaleh M. Shea, Director, Planning Department

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**WHEREAS**, Article 12, Section 12-705 of the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance establishes the Board of Historic and Architectural Review (“ARB”) responsible for administering the procedural and architectural guidelines and standards adopted under the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance and applicable to the South Norfolk Historic and Cultural Preservation Overlay District (“the HC district”); and

**WHEREAS**, Article 12, Section 12-705 of the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance requires that the membership of the ARB be comprised of seven (7) voting members of which three (3) members must also be members of the Chesapeake Historic Preservation Commission (“HPC”); four (4) members must be citizens of the City, two (2) of which reside in a historic overlay district; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the ARB must further include among the seven (7) voting members identified above one (1) voting member who is a licensed professional architect, preferably having experience or knowledge of historic architecture and four (4) voting members having competency or knowledge in the fields of history, architectural history, archeology or historic preservation as demonstrated through education or related experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance does not require that the ARB include as a voting member a member experienced or knowledgeable in the fields of construction, property maintenance and repair, or contracting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance does not require that the ARB include as a voting member a member of the South Norfolk Revitalization Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance does not require that the ARB include as a voting member a member of the South Norfolk Civic League; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance requirement that three (3) voting members of the ARB also be members of the HPC places an undue burden on the members of the HPC; and

**WHEREAS** public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice require that amendments to the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance to address the foregoing be considered by the Planning Commission and City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia that the Planning Commission is hereby requested to consider and make recommendations to City Council concerning proposed amendments to Article 12, Section 12-705 of the Chesapeake Zoning Ordinance, and any necessary or correlating amendments, to allow for reformation and expansion of the voting membership of the Board of Historic and Architectural Review to nine (9) voting members to include one (1) member of the Historic Preservation Commission; two (2) members with experience or knowledge of construction, property maintenance and repair, or contracting, at least one of whom is a resident of a historic overlay district; one (1) member of the South Norfolk Revitalization Commission; one (1) member of the South Norfolk Civic League; and four (4) citizens of the City of which two (2) are residents of a historic overlay district; and that the above nine (9) voting members

include at least one (1) licensed professional architect and at least two (2) persons having competency or knowledge in the fields of history, architectural history, archeology or historic preservation as demonstrated through education or related experience.

**ADOPTED** by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council