

**BYLAWS OF THE
CHESAPEAKE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL**

Section 1.0 NAME

This organization shall be known as the Chesapeake Environmental Improvement Council (CEIC).

Section 2.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of the CEIC shall be to promote interest in improving the environment of Chesapeake, Virginia, thereby making Chesapeake a greener, cleaner and healthier city in which to live, learn, work, farm and play. The CEIC will accomplish its purpose through outreach, education, and volunteer efforts, to include litter and pollution prevention, waste reduction and recycling, beautification, conservation landscaping, and other environmental and conservation issues. (City Code Ch. 26 – Environment, Article II, Environmental Improvement Council.)

Section 3.0 ORGANIZATION

3.1 MEMBERSHIP - The CEIC shall consist of eighteen members who shall be citizens of the City and who shall be appointed by the Mayor, and as such shall serve without compensation. All members shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms and may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms, after which one (1) year must elapse before reappointment to the CEIC. Any vacancy on the CEIC shall be filled by the Mayor for the unexpired term.

3.1.1 Membership shall include, among others, representatives selected from the following major segments of the city:

- (1) Citizen interests;
- (2) Business and industry;
- (3) Professions;
- (4) Communications;
- (5) Schools;
- (6) Armed forces;
- (7) Community organizations; and
- (8) City operations.

(City Code Sections 26-27 and 26-28)

3.1.2 Former members of the CEIC who wish to remain engaged and receive CEIC communications will be known as associate members. Associate members are eligible to serve on committees but cannot chair committees.

Section 4.0 OFFICERS

The CEIC officers shall include a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary shall be elected by the members of the CEIC at the Annual Meeting (see Section 7.0).

4.1 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

411 Chair - The Chair shall preside over all CEIC meetings; shall select all committee chairs and assign all remaining members to committees with the consent of the CEIC; and shall make such task assignments as are necessary to all members of the Executive Committee, comprised of the CEIC Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department Coordinator of Special Programs or designee. The Chair shall serve as an Ex Officio Member of all Committees, except the Nominating Committee. The Chair shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms in that office. Term of office shall be from July 1 thru June 30.

412 Vice-Chair - The Vice-Chair shall act in the absence of the Chair; shall serve on the Executive Committee; and shall ensure that all CEIC meetings are conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Current Edition. If the Chair becomes unable to serve during his/her term, the Vice-Chair shall assume those responsibilities for the unexpired term and will, at that time, become responsible for future member and committee chair assignments. The Vice-Chair shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms in that office. Term of office shall be from July 1 thru June 30.

413 Secretary – The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of committee actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all meetings, social media management and outreach. The Secretary shall serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms in that office. Term of office shall be from July 1 thru June 30.

Section 5.0 COMMITTEES

5.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – The membership of the Executive Committee shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and the Coordinator of Special Programs or designee.

5.1.1 STANDING COMMITTEES – Standing Committees of the CEIC shall be the Nominating Committee, Landscape Committee and the Tree Board Committee. The Chair shall appoint the members of the Standing Committees. The Chairs of the Standing Committees shall be appointed members of CEIC.

5.1.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The CEIC Chair shall appoint a Nominating Committee of no less than three (3) members in April of each calendar year. The Nominating Committee shall seek candidates for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of nominated

officers to the members of CEIC at the May meeting and elections will be held during the CEIC annual meeting in June. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the election.

5.1.3 LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE – The purpose of the Landscape Committee is to develop and manage the process for selection and funding of beautification projects with funds from the Conservation/Beautification Fund. On February 14, 1995, the Chesapeake City Council designated the proceeds from the sale of Chesapeake City license plates to the Conservation/Beautification Fund. The Landscape Committee will oversee other landscape-related projects as designated by the Chair.

5.1.4 TREE BOARD COMMITTEE – The purpose of the Tree Board Committee is to work with municipal public officials to improve the health of the urban and community forest through tree plantings, advocacy, education, management, and maintenance activities. Such activities may include organizing annual tree planting programs in conjunction with Arbor Day celebrations, procurement of tree planting volunteers, community education in tree care practices, and organization and training of tree care teams.

5.1.5 PROJECT COMMITTEES – The Chair shall establish project committees as needed and shall appoint members to the project committees. Project committee Chairs shall be CEIC members.

Section 6.0 VOTING

6.1 STANDARD - Each member of the CEIC shall have one (1) vote. On all voting matters, a quorum must be present and a majority vote is necessary to carry the issue. (City Code Section 2-310)

Section 7.0 MEETINGS

71 REGULAR - The CEIC shall meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month (except July, November, and December) at a designated time and place, unless otherwise scheduled by the Chair.

72 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING - The Executive Committee will meet in July to develop goals and objectives for the next twelve months. Once developed, this plan should be presented to the mayor.

ANNUAL MEETING - The CEIC shall have an Annual Meeting in June of each year, unless otherwise scheduled, for the purpose of electing officers and soliciting member feedback on that year's activities and suggestions for the upcoming year.

73 SPECIAL - The Chair may call special meetings as are necessary to carry out the business of the CEIC when at least one (1) week written or electronic notice of the

meeting is given to all members. All committee chairs shall call meetings of their committees as necessary to conduct the business of those committees.

74 ATTENDANCE - Failure of an officer or member to attend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the regularly scheduled meetings of the agency held within any calendar year shall automatically constitute cause for removal; provided, however, that the same requirements of notice and opportunity for hearing shall apply. (City Code Section 2-307)

75 REMOVAL - Any officer or member may be removed for cause by formal vote of the city council, provided that such member first be given a written statement of the causes and an opportunity to be heard thereon. (City Code Section 2-307)

76 QUORUM - A majority of the voting members including at least one (1) of the officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It will be the responsibility of the Chair to determine that a quorum is present at the beginning of each meeting. (City Code Section 2-307)

Section 8.0 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, Current Edition. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice-Chair to observe that these rules are followed and the meeting is conducted in accordance therewith. (City Code Section 2-310)

Section 9.0 AMENDMENTS

The bylaws of the CEIC shall be reviewed every three (3) years by an appointed committee. Proposed amendments will be brought before the CEIC and may be adopted by a majority vote. A copy of the proposed amendments must be provided to all voting members and the Chair at least one (1) week prior to the meeting at which the vote is scheduled. The copy of the proposed amendments can be provided by mail or electronically. Amendments shall become effective upon the mayor's review and approval.

ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT HISTORY

Revision of the CEIC bylaws was adopted on August 28, 2013
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