



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 29, 2020 Agenda Item 9

### **Voting Session**

Emergency ordinance extending appointments of members of the City's Board's, Committees, and Commissions (hereinafter BCCs) to June 30, 2021.

### **Recommended Council Action**

Pass the emergency ordinance to extend the appointments of members of the City's BCCs.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The City commenced a comprehensive review of its BCCs. That review has not been completed. Several BCC appointments have recently expired and others may expire in the near future.

The purpose of the extension is to allow the BCCs to keep operating and permit the comprehensive review to be completed.

The uncodified emergency ordinance is designed to extend all expiring BCC appointments to June 30, 2021. It is also retroactive so as to ensure appointments that expired beginning March 31, 2020, are unaffected. The Council has the ability to extend, modify, or rescind the ordinance at any time.

Since the work session on July 22, 2020, the Grants Review Committee has been added to the draft ordinance. The Grants Review Committee was established by resolution and is not codified.

### **Council Priority**

Engaged, Responsive and Service-Oriented Government

### **Environmental Considerations**

N/A

### **Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

Council-appointed committees do not generally reflect the diversity of the population of Takoma Park. Improvements of the recruitment, training, functionality and support of committees may encourage more people from all backgrounds in the City to participate in the Council-appointed committees.

### **Attachments and Links**

Draft Ordinance

1 Introduced by: Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_  
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3 **CITY OF TAKOMA PARK**  
4 **MARYLAND**

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6 **UNCODIFIED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**  
7 **2020–**  
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9 **An uncodified Ordinance whereby the City of Takoma Park extends**  
10 **the terms of office of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions to June**  
11 **30, 2021.**  
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13 **WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park Code, section 2.16.010(A) Boards and Commissions,  
14 Membership of statutory Council-appointed committees, states that the “Council  
15 shall appoint all members of the committees identified in this section,” which  
16 includes: the Arts and Humanities Commission, the Board of Elections, the  
17 Commemoration Commission, the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs, the  
18 Committee on the Environment, the Complete Safe Streets Committee, the  
19 Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Ethics Commission, the Facade  
20 Advisory Board, the Noise Control Board, the Nuclear-Free Committee, the  
21 Personnel Appeal Board, the Recreation Committee, the Safe Roadways  
22 Committee, and the Tree Commission; and  
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24 **WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park Code, section 2.16.010(C) Membership of statutory  
25 Council-appointed committees sets forth a Term Expiration Chart for  
26 appointments to the aforementioned Boards, Committees, and Commissions,  
27 which identifies varying term lengths and varying dates of expiration; and  
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29 **WHEREAS,** the provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the Grants Review Committee  
30 which was established by resolution and is not codified; and  
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32 **WHEREAS,** various aspects of the aforementioned Boards, Committees, and Commissions are  
33 presently undergoing a general review and it is anticipated that revisions to this  
34 Chapter will be made; and  
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36 **WHEREAS,** the City was unable to complete its review prior to the expiration of the current  
37 fiscal year for a variety of reasons, to include the state of emergency and public  
38 health catastrophe caused by the outbreak of disease known as COVID–19, also  
39 referred to as the novel coronavirus; and  
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41 **WHEREAS,** appointments to certain of the aforementioned Boards, Committees, and  
42 Commissions expired on March 31 and June 30, 2020, pursuant to the Term  
43 Expiration Chart; and  
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1 **WHEREAS,** certain members of the Boards, Committees, and Commissions are not eligible  
2 for term extensions due to term limits and others do not wish to have their terms  
3 extended.  
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5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
6 **TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT** the City Council hereby extend appointments to the  
7 City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions to June 30, 2021, and enact this uncodified  
8 emergency Ordinance as follows:  
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10 **Section 1.** All appointments to the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions that  
11 expired on March 31 and June 30, 2020, shall be extended to June 30, 2021.

12 **Section 2.** Any appointment to the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions that  
13 expires between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021, shall be extended to June 30,  
14 2021.  
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16 **Section 3.** This uncodified emergency Ordinance shall be retroactive to March 31, 2020.  
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18 **Section 4.** This uncodified emergency Ordinance applies to members whose terms are  
19 expired or will be expiring, and who are not subject to term limits and wish to  
20 continue to serve.  
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22 **Section 5.** The City Council may rescind, modify, or extend this uncodified emergency  
23 Ordinance.  
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25 THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, IS ADOPTED BY THE  
26 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARLYAND, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF JULY,  
27 2020, BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:  
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- 29 AYE:
- 30 NAY:
- 31 ABSTAIN:
- 32 ABSENT: