



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 16, 2021 Agenda Item 2

### **Voting Item**

Extension of the Terms of Office of the City of Takoma Park's Boards, Committees, and Commissions to October 15, 2021

### **Recommended Council Action**

Approve Uncodified Emergency Ordinance

### **Context with Key Issues**

On July 29, 2020, the City of Takoma Park adopted Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-25 for the purpose of extending the terms of office for the members of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions while various aspects of those bodies were undergoing a general review which would address, in part, the length of terms of office. The City Council has not yet concluded its review and wishes to have the terms further extended to October 15, 2021. This Uncodified Emergency Ordinance would extend all of the end dates for terms of office to October 15, 2021, including those which are term limited, while the Council continues its review of the Boards, Committees and Commissions and their processes.

### **Council Priority**

Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

### **Environmental Considerations**

There is no fiscal impact of this action

### **Fiscal Considerations**

There is little fiscal impact of this action

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The additional time will allow the Council to continue its review of Boards, Committees, and Commissions and the race equity impacts of their provisions and operations

### **Attachments and Links**

Draft Ordinance

1 Introduced by: Councilmember

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3 **CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

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5 **UNCODIFIED EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**  
6 **2021-**  
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8 **An uncodified Ordinance whereby the City of Takoma Park extends**  
9 **the terms of office of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions to**  
10 **October 15, 2021.**

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12 **WHEREAS,** on July 29, 2020, the City of Takoma Park adopted Uncodified Emergency  
13 Ordinance 2020-25 for the purpose of extending the terms of office for the  
14 members of its Boards, Committees, and Commissions while various aspects of  
15 those bodies were undergoing a general review which would address, in part, the  
16 length of terms of office; and  
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18 **WHEREAS,** Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-25: (1) extended to June 30, 2021, all  
19 appointments to the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions that expired  
20 on March 31 and June 30, 2020; and (2) extended to June 30, 2021 any  
21 appointment to the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions that was set to  
22 expire between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021; and  
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24 **WHEREAS,** Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-25 only applied to members whose terms  
25 expired or were set to expire, who were not subject to term limits, and who wished  
26 to continue to serve; and  
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28 **WHEREAS,** the City has not yet concluded its review for a variety of reasons, to include the  
29 state of emergency and public health catastrophe caused by the disease known as  
30 COVID-19; and  
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32 **WHEREAS,** the provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the Grants Review Committee  
33 which was established by resolution and is not codified; and  
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35 **WHEREAS,** to ensure that the City can address the length of terms of office as part of its  
36 general review of the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and  
37 simultaneously ensure that vacancies are filled, it is necessary to modify the terms  
38 of office for those appointed prior to the review being completed.  
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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**  
41 **TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT** the City Council hereby extends appointments to the  
42 City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions to October 15, 2021, and enacts this uncodified  
43 emergency Ordinance as follows:  
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1 **Section 1.** All appointments to the City’s Boards, Committees, and Commissions, that were  
2 extended to June 30, 2021, by Uncodified Emergency Ordinance 2020-25 shall  
3 be extended to October 15, 2021.

4 **Section 2.** Any appointment to the City’s Boards, Committees, and Commissions, that  
5 expires between June 30, 2021 and October 15, 2021, shall be extended to  
6 October 15, 2021.  
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8 **Section 3.** This uncodified emergency Ordinance shall be retroactive to March 31, 2020.  
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10 **Section 4.** This uncodified emergency Ordinance applies to members whose terms are  
11 expired or will be expiring, even if they are term limited, and wish to continue to  
12 serve.  
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14 **Section 5.** The City Council may rescind, modify, or extend this uncodified emergency  
15 Ordinance.  
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17 THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, IS ADOPTED BY THE  
18 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THIS \_\_ DAY OF JUNE, 2021,  
19 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:  
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21 AYE:

22 NAY:

23 ABSTAIN:

24 ABSENT: