



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. In addition, the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, established by Resolution 2020-21 was to disband by June 30, 2021 but requires several more weeks to complete its work. This Uncodified Emergency Ordinance would extend all of the deadlines to October 15, 2021 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 Reimagining Public Safety Task Force requires an additional period of time
33 to complete its work pursuant to Resolution 2020-21 and its members' terms also
34 require extension; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** to ensure that the City can address the length of terms of office as part of its
37 general review of the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees, and
38 simultaneously ensure that vacancies are filled, it is necessary to modify the terms
39 of office for those appointed prior to the review being completed.

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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
42 **TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, THAT** the City Council hereby extends appointments to the
43 City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions to October 15, 2021, and enacts this uncodified
44 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.** The Reimagining Public Safety Task Force and its members’ terms shall be
9 extended to no longer than October 15, 2021.

10 **Section 4.** This uncodified emergency Ordinance shall be retroactive to March 31, 2020.

11 **Section 5.** This uncodified emergency Ordinance applies to members whose terms are
12 expired or will be expiring, and wish to continue to serve.

13 **Section 6.** The City Council may rescind, modify, or extend this uncodified emergency
14 Ordinance.
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16 THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, IS ADOPTED BY THE
17 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARLYAND, THIS __ DAY OF JUNE, 2021,
18 BY ROLL-CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS:

- 19 AYE:
- 20 NAY:
- 21 ABSTAIN:
- 22 ABSENT: