



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – March 16, 2022 Agenda Item 3

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Providing for Appointments to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

### **Recommended Council Action**

Adopt the resolution.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The Takoma Park Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) is established in Chapter 6.24 of the Takoma Park Code and its responsibilities are listed therein. COLTA is empowered to adjudicate complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations, to rule on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance in accordance with Chapter 6.20, Rent Stabilization, and to decide appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses. The Commission is to consist of at least seven, but no more than 12, members appointed by the Council. The Council shall make every effort to ensure that the Commission has representation from landlords, tenants and homeowners; and

Three recently appointed members of COLTA have had to resign, resulting in vacancies. The Council has reviewed applications received and wishes to appoint three replacement members: Mark Brochman (Ward 5 Tenant), Michale Shands (Ward 3 Tenant), and Pamela Houedjissi (Ward 4 Property Manager). Recommended terms are staggered to balance with terms of existing members.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All; Engaged, Responsive & Service-oriented Government

### **Environmental Considerations**

N/A

### **Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

Some Council-appointed committees do not generally reflect the diversity of the population of Takoma Park. The membership of COLTA more closely reflects the diversity of the community. Additionally, all board and committee members are expected to comply with a Council-adopted code of conduct for committee members (Resolution 2020-22, October 7, 2020) in part to address equity issues.

### **Attachments and Links**

- Draft Resolution Providing for appointments to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION 2022-**

**PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENTS  
TO THE COMMISSION ON LANDLORD-TENANT AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs (COLTA) is established in Chapter 6.24 of the Takoma Park Code and its responsibilities are listed therein; and

WHEREAS, COLTA is empowered to adjudicate complaints for violations of Chapter 6.16, Landlord-Tenant Relations, to rule on petitions for rent increases above the rent stabilization allowance in accordance with Chapter 6.20, Rent Stabilization, and to decide appeals from the City Manager's decision to deny, suspend or revoke a license under Chapter 6.08, Rental Housing Licenses; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is to consist of at least seven, but no more than 12, members appointed by the Council. The Council shall make every effort to ensure that the Commission has representation from landlords, tenants and homeowners; and

WHEREAS, in order to stagger terms, beginning in 2021, the initial terms for one-third of the Commission's members will end on June 30, 2022, one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2023, and one-third of the members' terms will expire on June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, after the initial terms have expired, all terms of office for members appointed or reappointed will be staggered three-year terms beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30; and

WHEREAS, three recently appointed members of COLTA have had to resign resulting in vacancies; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed applications received and wishes to appoint three replacement members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following individuals are appointed to the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs for the terms indicated:

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|----|-------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Mark Brochman     | Ward 5 | Term Expires: June 30, 2022 |
| 2. | Michale Shands    | Ward 3 | Term Expires: June 30, 2023 |
| 3. | Pamela Houedjissi | Ward 4 | Term Expires: June 30, 2024 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COLTA membership is subject to provisions of Chapter 2.17 of the Takoma Park Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2022.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk