



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 1, 2024 Agenda Item 8

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.

There are two members with expiring terms who have applied for reappointment: Pamela Houedjissi, Property Manager (Non-resident) and Faith Ogbonna, Tenant (Ward 4). One new applicant is recommended for appointment: Felts Jacobs, Tenant (Ward 6).

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 2024-

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

WHEREAS, COLTA members are appointed to three-year terms unless being appointed to fill an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two members with expiring terms who have applied for reappointment and one new applicant; and

WHEREAS, a subgroup of three City Councilmembers reviewed applications and has recommended that the following be appointed or reappointed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendations.

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

Name	Ward	Term Expiration	Category	Appointment or Reappointment
Pamela Houedjissi	N/A	2027	Property Manager	Reappointment
Faith Ogbonna	5	2027	Tenant	Reappointment
Felts Jacobs	6	2027	Tenant	New Appointment

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

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

Adopted this _____ day of July, 2024.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk