

City of Hampton



Legislation Text

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Ordinance to Amend and Reenact the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia by Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Sec. 2-2 to Establish Removal of Procedures for Members of Boards, Commissions, etc.

Background Statement:

The proposed ordinance amendment is intended to standardize the removal procedures, and attendance requirements of all committees, boards, commissions, etc. whose members are appointed by the City Council. If City Council adopts the amendment, members of those bodies will all be subject to removal for cause by a majority vote of the City Council. Failure to attend 75 percent of the regularly scheduled meetings of the relevant body in a one-year period, will automatically be cause for removal. This ordinance will not apply to bodies that have removal provisions set out in the general laws of the state.

Recommendations:

Staff Recommendation: Approve the amendment.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, that Section 2-2, Article I, Chapter 2 of the City Code of the City of Hampton, Virginia be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2 - ADMINISTRATION

Article I - IN GENERAL

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Sec. 2-2. - Residence requirements for members of boards, commissions, etc.; *removal procedures*.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by the general laws of the state, or Hampton City Code, any person appointed to a committee, board, commission, authority or similar body, by the city council must be a resident of the city, unless such body is multijurisdictional or regional in nature.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by the general laws of the state, any person appointed to a committee, board, commission, authority or similar body by the city council, may be removed for cause by formal vote of the city council, provided that such member first be given notice of the city council's intention to vote on their removal.
- (c) Failure of a person appointed to a committee, board, commission, authority or similar body by the city council, to attend at least 75 percent of the regularly scheduled meetings of the body to which they are appointed, within a one-year period, shall automatically constitute cause for removal. For

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the purposes of this section, the first one-year period shall run from the date of the person's initial appointment to that body, and continue to be calculated based on that date until the person is no longer a member.

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