

ORDINANCE NO. 4542

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-7-12 (COMPOSITION; OFFICERS; APPOINTMENT, TERM AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS) of Article B (CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSION), Chapter 7 (CONSUMER AFFAIRS), of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 12-7-12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended and reordained, to read as follows:

Section 12-7-12 Composition; officers; appointment, term and compensation.

The commission shall consist of 11 members appointed by the city council; two of whom shall be members of the business community, one of whom shall be a members of a local consumer action organizations and eight of whom shall be citizens at large; provided, however, that the positions designated for a member of a local consumer action organization may be filled by a representative of a local non-profit organization which deals with consumer issues, or by an employee of a state or federal agency which deals with consumer issues, and provided, further that the vacancy for the consumer action organization member has been advertised and has remained unfilled for a period of three months or longer; and provided also that either or both of the positions designated for a member of the business community may be filled by a citizen at large, provided further that the vacancy for the business community member has been advertised and has remained unfilled for a period of three months or longer, and such position shall revert to a position for a member of the business community upon the expiration of the term of such appointee. All members shall be residents of the city; except that one member of the business community and the member of a consumer action organization may be a nonresident of the city but a resident of the state. All members shall be appointed by city council for three-year terms. Any vacancy shall be filled by the council for the unexpired portion of a term. The commission shall select a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary by a majority vote of all members of the commission. The chairperson shall serve a two-year term and may not succeed himself. In the event that the chair is vacated for any reason, the vice chairperson shall succeed and serve as chairperson for the remainder of the term. A vice chairperson shall be selected by majority vote of all members of the commission to serve as vice chairperson for the unexpired term. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for expenses, subject to the availability of funds.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective on the date and at the time of final passage; provided, however that this ordinance shall not affect the term of office of the members of the Consumer Affairs Commission in office on the effective date.

William D. Euille  
Mayor

Final Passage: May 20, 2008

