

ORDINANCE NO. 5253

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-6-2 (COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS; FILLING VACANCIES; CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON), and Section 12-6-3 (MEETINGS--QUORUM; RULES OF PROCEDURE; ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL) of Chapter 6 (COMMISSION FOR WOMEN), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That section 12-6-2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained as follows:

Sec. 12-6-2 Composition; appointment, terms and compensation of members; filling vacancies; chairperson and vice chairperson.

The commission shall consist of ~~15~~ **16** members appointed at large by the city council, **one of which shall be a youth member, between the ages of 16 and 24.** Members shall be appointed for terms of three years each which shall expire as of May 31. Any vacancy shall be filled by the council for the unexpired portion of a term. A chairperson and a vice chairperson shall be chosen by a majority vote of all the members of the commission. Members shall serve without compensation but may receive such reimbursement for expenses as the council may from time to time allow.

Section 2. That section 12-6-3 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same is hereby, amended and reordained reads as follows:

Sec. 12-6-3 Meetings-quorum; rules of procedure; annual report to council.

The commission shall meet at least once each month from September to June, and may meet in July and August. All meetings shall be open to the public. All members of the commission shall be entitled to vote, **including the youth member,** and the decisions of the commission shall be determined by a majority vote of the members present. A quorum of eight members present is required before the commission can take official action. A member present but not voting shall be considered in counting a quorum. In matters concerning the procedure for meetings not covered by this chapter, the commission may establish its own rules, provided these are not contrary to the mandate or spirit of this chapter. The commission shall render each year by June 30, to the city council a written report of its activities under the provisions of this chapter along with any comments and recommendations as it may choose to make.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law establishing the existing terms of their appointment, the terms of the members of the Commission for Women serving on May 31, 2001, shall be determined by drawing lots as follows: five members shall serve until May 31, 2002, five members shall serve until May 31, 2003, and five members shall serve until May 31, 2004.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JUSTIN M. WILSON
Mayor

Final Passage: November 16, 2019