

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Ordinances, Licenses & Legal Affairs coposted with the Committee of the Whole

met in the Council Chamber on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matter(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

July 8, 2013 at 12:03 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded.)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: None also present C/Pan/Ryan C/Purroy C/Forsy

SUBJECT(S)

Claims (OLLA ONLY)

#449 - Ordinance to amend an ordinance relative to municipal board appointments (COPOSTED)

7/11/13 Discussion focused on the 180 day window -
Some suggested 90 days.
C/O'Keefe motion to amend the ordinance:
to change 180 days to 120 days
and add the following to the first paragraph:
"unless a waiver of this section is granted by the city
council" 5/4 OK - carried.
C/Broughton - motion for appointment - discussions to start 90 day period
to expiration
after discussion C/Broughton

C/ Budget - moved to approve % * N/A as amended

C/ Okeke ZNE

5-4 0-N / motion carried.

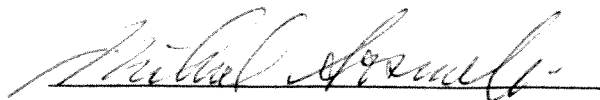
C/ Okeke 5 min access

OKHA Re-convenes -

Claims - as per notes on scanning sheet.

On the motion of C. Okeke

the meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.



(Chairperson)

relative to municipal board appointments

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“Sec. 2-626. – Appointment to Municipal Boards; Reappointment Requirement. The Mayor shall submit to the city council, within one hundred twenty days (120) days of the expiration of the term of office of any member of a municipal board whose appointment is subject to confirmation by the city council, a letter of re-appointment for the municipal board member or a replacement appointee. Any municipal board member whose reappointment has not been filed with the office of the city clerk within one hundred twenty (120) days of the expiration of his or her term shall cease to be a member of the municipal board as his or her term shall have expired, unless a waiver of this section is granted by the city council.”

Section II. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by city charter.

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City of Salem

In the year two thousand and Thirteen

An Ordinance relative to municipal board appointments

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Salem, as follows:

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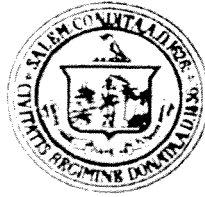
In City Council June 27, 2013

Adopted for first passage and referred to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with Committee of the Whole

INSERT = DISCUSSION w/ a board member ^{concerning} reappointment shall ^{begin} ~~start~~ 60 Days ~~prior to expiration date~~, before term expires.
WITHDRAWN

ATTEST:

CHERYL A. LAPOINTE
CITY CLERK



CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Kimberley Driscoll
Mayor

June 27, 2013

Honorable Salem City Council
Salem City Hall
Salem, Massachusetts 01970

Gentlemen of the City Council:

I have been following your on-going discussions around how to better strengthen and improve our municipal board appointment process. As you know, increasing transparency and public participation in our City government has been a priority of mine since my first election. With that in mind and in consideration of your collective discussion regarding the board reappointment process, I am pleased to submit the proposed Ordinance relative to the timely reappointment of municipal board members.

As you know, we just completed a reappointment process for over 60 municipal board and commission members. Every board, commission, committee, and task force in our City is now serving with at least a quorum, if not a full contingent, though we are still awaiting confirmation of four of those 60+ reappointments.

The attached Ordinance will require the Administration to timely submit reappointment requests of board members going forward or risk those serving on expired terms not being qualified to serve. This will make it incumbent on both my Administration and future executives to submit reappointments to the Council within 180 days of any expiration date. We will shortly also be submitting a second Ordinance for your consideration that will standardize all of the board terms. As you know, our nearly 140 board members have widely varying term expiration dates, which makes it difficult to track expiration dates and can lead to confusion as to when any one individual's term is at its conclusion. Having a single standard date – varied by year depending on the individual board member's term – would also simplify the reappointment process and allow the Administration to more easily submit reappointments in a timely manner for the Council's consideration. My recommendation will be to set all municipal board terms to expire on December 31.

We all wish to see our system of municipal boards strengthened. The individuals who serve on these boards, almost all of whom are volunteers, freely give their time, their energy, and their expertise to the betterment of Salem. They and the residents of our City deserve to have as transparent, functional, and balanced a board system as we can create. I respectfully request adoption of the attached Ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Driscoll".

Kimberley Driscoll
Mayor