

# CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: **Ordinance 1143 concerning Amending Chapter 25 pertaining to Water & Sewer Commission and Marina Commission (Public Hearing)**

Date: **3/5/2024**

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- Purpose:
- FYI
  - Read and Comment as Needed**
  - Action Required by March 18, 2024**
  - In Confidential File Drawer

Approve:

Johnny Boker  Yes  No  No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Casi Boyer  Yes  No  No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Vicki Jones  Yes  No  No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Jim Ringsaker  Yes  No  No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Robertson  Yes  No  No Comment

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Tammy Lynn Schneegas  Yes  No  No Comment

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL  
OF  
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND  
ORDINANCE NO. 1143

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council President Ringsaker

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 PERTAINING TO WATER & SEWER COMMISSION, AND MARINA COMMISSION**

On: March 4, 2024

at: 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**EXPLANATION**  
Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.  
**[Bold Brackets]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Amendments proposed prior to final adoption will be noted on a separate page with line references or by handwritten changes on the draft legislation.

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31 BE IT ORDAINED, that Chapter 25 is hereby amended as follows:

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33 Article XI Water/Sewer Commission

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35 § 25-67 **Officers; proceedings; quorum.**

36 A. **[The Commission shall be chaired by the nonvoting City Council member]**, In June of  
37 each year, the Commission shall elect a Chairperson from its members for one year, who shall be  
38 eligible for re-election and who shall be responsible for the convening of each meeting. In the  
39 absence of the Commission Chairperson, the Director of Administration or his/her designee shall  
40 act as the Chairperson. In the event of a tie vote on issues before the Commission, the Chairperson  
41 shall have the right, but not the requirement, to cast a vote.

42 B. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and keep a record of the  
43 proceedings.

44 C. A quorum at any meeting shall be a minimum of five voting members, at least three of  
45 whom shall be citizen members. The presence of the Chairperson does not count in the  
46 determination of a quorum. **[At the time of appointment, the Mayor shall designate which of**  
47 **the Council members shall serve as the Commission Chairperson.]**

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49 § 25-68 **Appointment of members; terms and replacement.**

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51 A. Citizen members. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall  
52 appoint all citizen members pursuant to the qualifications listed for such members. The initial  
53 appointment for these members shall be in the form of staggered terms in that one shall be  
54 appointed to a term of three years, one appointed for a term of two years and one appointed for a  
55 term of one year. After the initial appointment of the Commission, members shall serve three-year  
56 terms, with the capacity for reappointment. When a citizen member cannot complete his term or  
57 is removed from membership by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council whenever, in  
58 their judgment, the best interests of the Commission will be served thereby, the Mayor shall, with  
59 the advice and consent of the City Council, appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of that  
60 member's term.

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62 B. Staff members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor as described in § 25-66  
63 and shall serve until a replacement member is selected by the Mayor.

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65 C. Council members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve in  
66 accordance with their terms as members of the City Council or until a replacement member is  
67 selected by the Mayor. **[At the time of appointment, the Mayor shall designate which of the**  
68 **Council members shall serve as the Commission Chairperson.]**

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70 Article XII Marina Commission

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72 § 25-74 **Officers; proceedings; quorum.**

73 A. **[The Commission shall be chaired by the nonvoting City Council member],** In June of  
74 each year, the Commission shall elect a Chairperson from its members for one year, who shall  
75 be eligible for re-election and who shall be responsible for the convening of each meeting. In  
76 the event of a tie vote on issues before the Commission, this member shall have the right, but  
77 not the requirement, to cast a vote. The Commission members shall select one member to  
78 serve as chair in the absence of the Commission chairman.

79 B. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure and keep a record of the proceedings.

80 C. A quorum at any meeting shall be a minimum of four voting members, at least two of whom  
81 shall be citizen members. The presence of the chairperson does not count in the determination  
82 of a quorum.  
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84 § 25-75 **Appointment of members; terms and replacement.**

85 A. Citizen members. The Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint  
86 all citizen members pursuant to the qualifications listed for such members. The initial  
87 appointment for these members shall be in the form of staggered terms in that two shall be  
88 appointed to a term of three years, two appointed for a term of two years and one appointed  
89 for a term of one year. After the initial appointment of the Commission, members shall serve  
90 three-year terms, with the capacity for reappointment. When a citizen member cannot  
91 complete his term or is removed from membership by the Mayor, with the approval of the  
92 City Council, whenever, in their judgment, the best interests of the Commission will be served  
93 thereby, the Mayor shall, with the advice and consent of the City Council, appoint a  
94 replacement to serve the remainder of that member's term.

95 B. Staff members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve until a  
96 replacement member is selected by the Mayor.

97 C. **[Council members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the**  
98 **concurrence of the Council President, and shall serve in accordance with their terms as**  
99 **members of the City Council or until a replacement member is selected by the Mayor.]**  
100 Council members. These members shall be appointed by the Mayor and shall serve in  
101 accordance with their terms as members of the City Council or until a replacement member  
102 is selected by the Mayor.  
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104 **NOW, THEREFORE,** it is determined, decided, and ordained by the City Council that the  
105 foregoing amendments to the City Code are hereby approved.

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107 ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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109 SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
110 2024.

111 [Signatures to follow on the next page.]

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ATTEST:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF HAVRE DE GRACE

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Christopher Ricci  
Director of Administration

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William T. Martin  
Mayor

Introduced/First Reading: 3/4/2024  
Public Hearing:  
Second Reading/Adopted:  
Effective Date:

Public Hearing