

1 **AMENDMENT 1 on Bill No. 21-06**

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3 **Introduced By:** Council Member Jerry Donald (District 1)
4 **Introduction Date:** May 25, 2021
5 **Adopted/Rejected/Withdrawn:** _____
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8 An ACT to create a Small Business Advisory Commission.

9 On Exhibit 1, it is hereby amended as follows:

10 **CHAPTER 1-2: ADMINISTRATION**

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12 **ARTICLE XVI. SMALL BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

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14 **§1-2-600. Creation, Duties.**

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16 (A) There shall be a Frederick County Small Business Advisory Commission
17 hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”.

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19 (B) The Commission shall act as an advisory body that serves as a means for
20 small businesses to be heard and understood, facilitate civic engagement, and legitimize
21 issues of importance to small businesses operating in Frederick County,

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23 (C) Among its responsibilities and duties the Commission shall:

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25 (1) Advise the [~~County Executive and the~~] County Council on ways to
26 enhance and improve the business climate for small businesses in
27 Frederick County;
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29 (2) Represent the views and the needs on behalf of the small business
30 community;
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32 (3) Monitor, analyze, and make recommendations for existing or
33 proposed [~~policies and actions at all levels of government~~]
34 **LEGISLATION OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT** for their
35 impact on small businesses;
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37 (4) Review existing Frederick County Ordinances for recommended
38 changes **THROUGH LEGISLATION** to improve the business
39 climate in Frederick County;
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1 (5) Review regulations and make recommendations on issues under
2 the authority of the County Government that could be altered to
3 enhance the business climate for small businesses in Frederick
4 County;
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6 (6) **WITHIN 1 YEAR OF THE COMMISSIONS FIRST**
7 **MEETING, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER** [~~On or before~~
8 ~~July 1 of each year~~], the Commission shall submit A [~~an annual~~]
9 ~~report to the [County Executive and] County Council. The report~~
10 ~~shall include recommendations as identified above.~~
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13 (D) Two years following the first meeting, the Commission will submit a status report to
14 the [County Executive and] County Council. The report should include assessment
15 findings and recommendation as identified above. Upon submission of this report, the
16 [County Executive and] County Council may submit questions or requests to the
17 Commission for additional information. The Commission will have eight weeks to
18 respond to any requests. Upon completion of this review, the Council must vote whether
19 to reauthorize the Commission.

20 **§1-2.601. Composition.**

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22 (A) [~~Subject to the confirmation of t] The County Council~~, ~~the County Executive~~ must
23 appoint the following individuals to serve on the Commission for a three-year term
24 unless otherwise noted:
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- 26 a. One member nominated by the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce;
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28 b. One member nominated by the Downtown Frederick Partnership;
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30 c. One member nominated by a non-profit entity that advocates on behalf of
31 small businesses;
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33 d. One member nominated by the Frederick Farm Bureau;
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35 e. One member nominated by the Business Law Section of the Frederick County
36 Bar Association;
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38 f. One member of Visit Frederick;
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40 g. Two members belonging to municipal business organizations;
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1 (B) The following individuals shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members with no
2 terms assigned;

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4 a. **THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER SPONSORING THIS BILL. IF**
5 **THE COMMISSION IS REAUTHORIZED, THE COUNCIL MEMBER**
6 **WHO MOVED TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE COMMISSION**
7 **SHALL SERVE AS A MEMBER [A member of the County Council];**

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9 b. A member of the Frederick County Office of Economic Development.

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11 (C) Members of the Commission shall continue to serve until their replacement is
12 APPOINTED[confirmed] by the County Council.

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14 (D) ~~[A County staff member may be designated by the County Executive to assist and~~
15 ~~support the Commission.]~~

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17 **§1-2-602. Chair, Vice-Chair.**

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19 The Coordinating Council must elect a chair and vice-chair from among its
20 members to serve 2-year terms.

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22 **§1-2-603. Rules.**

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24 The Coordinating Council shall adopt rules to govern its procedures and activities.

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26 **§1-2-604. Compensation.**

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28 Members of the Coordinating Council shall receive no compensation for their
29 services.

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31 **§1-2-605. Meetings and Quorum.**

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33 (A) The Commission **SHALL MEET NO LESS THAN FOUR TIMES ANNUALLY,**
34 **BUT MAY NOT MEET MORE THAN ONCE A MONTH** [shall meet with the
35 frequency it determines necessary to perform its functions but there shall be no less
36 than four meetings annually].

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38 (B) A majority of the Commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
39 of regular business.

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