

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO 286-2003 WHICH CREATED THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GAEDA) TO PROVIDE THE LEGAL STANDARD FOR WHICH DULY APPOINTED AND CONFIRMED COMMISSIONERS OF GAEDA MAY BE REMOVED AND REPLACED; AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Whereas, La. R.S. 33:2740.60 at seq. empowered the city to create a special district now known as GEADA, as a special political subdivision of the state;

Whereas, said legislation further authorizes the number of appointments to GEADA, establishes its policy goals and priorities and its general mission and public purpose;

Whereas, the Alexandria City Council recognizes the need to implement best practices and the need to retain qualified appointees who gain institutional knowledge and skills through service for the length of their designated appointment terms;

Whereas, the governing authority of the city desires to amend and clarify Ordinance No. 286-2003 to accomplish the above mentioned policy objectives;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Alexandria that Section II of the Ordinance No.286-2003 is amended to read as follows adding this second paragraph:

"SECTION II:

Any person duly appointed and confirmed by the Alexandria City Council shall be allowed to serve a full four year period or the remainder of any unexpired term created through the vacancy by death, resignation or removal of the previous appointee. Said persons, once confirmed by the City Council may only be removed from the office for conviction, during his term of office of any felony or for gross misconduct while in such office. "Conviction" as used herein shall mean a conviction that is final and all appellate review of the original trial court proceeding is exhausted. Removal shall be effectuated only by civil suit in the 9th Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides. Any citizen of Alexandria shall have standing to bring said suit, as well as the Alexandria City Attorney or his or her designee. The City Attorney or his or her designee shall bring suit to enforce the provisions of this amendment without any prior approval of the City Council. Upon exhaustion of all appellate review, said office shall be deemed legally vacant and the City Council shall, within the next 45 days, name a new appointee (subject to proper public notice) and shall conduct a confirmation hearing and vote."

SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that this ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor; or, if not signed or vetoed by the Mayor, upon expiration of the time for ordinances to become law without signature by the Mayor.

SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION V: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc., that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on the 5th day of March, 2013.

NOTICE PUBLISHED ON THE 8th day of March, 2013.

THIS ORDINANCE having been submitted in writing, introduced and published was then submitted to a final vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: Villard, Rubin, Silver, Fowler.

NAYS: LaSalle, Green, Larvadain.

ABSENT: None.

AND THE ORDINANCE was declared adopted on this the 5th day of March, 2013 and final publication was made in the Alexandria Daily Town Talk on the 8th day of March, 2013.

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PRESIDENT

MAYOR'S APPROVAL/VETO

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