

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 160 TO ITS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CREATING A MORGANTOWN HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION.

The City of Morgantown hereby ordains that a new Article 160 is added to its Administrative Code which reads as follows:

ARTICLE 160 Housing Advisory Commission

160.01 ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby established a Housing Advisory Commission for the City.

160.02 PURPOSE AND DUTIES.

The function of the Housing Advisory Commission is to:

1. Serve as the medium for citizen advice and comment on housing issues.
2. Provide advocacy for establishing and maintaining diversity in housing types and opportunities.
3. Encourage and strengthen collaborative planning and communications between public and private housing sectors.
4. Review, consider, and make recommendations to the City Manager and City Council on all aspects that affect public and private housing.
5. Research and discuss housing trends and ideas and make recommendations to the City Manager and City Council regarding housing policy and ordinances.
6. Sponsor educational programs on owner and non-owner occupied housing.

160.03 MEMBERSHIP.

The Housing Advisory Commission shall consist of thirteen members who shall be appointed by Morgantown City Council as follows:

One member of Morgantown City Council;

One member from West Virginia University's Off-Campus Housing office;

One member from West Virginia University's Office of Student Legal Services;

One member from West Virginia University's Student Government;

One member from the Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority;

One member from West Virginia Fair Housing Network;

One member being a licensed real estate representative;

~~One member being a President of a Neighborhood Association representing the Neighborhood Coordinating Council;~~ One member being a City Neighborhood Association Representative;

~~Two members representing the Morgantown Landlord Association;~~ One member being a City Landlord Representative

One member being a Property Manager Representative;
One member at large member who shall be a resident of the City of Morgantown;
and there shall be ~~three~~two ex-officio/non-voting members of the Commission as follows:

~~One City Council Member~~

One City of Morgantown Building Code Official; and

One City of Morgantown Fire Marshal's office representative

~~All voting members of the Commission, except for the WVU Student Government representative, shall be residents of the City of Morgantown.~~ All members shall serve without compensation.

A majority of the Housing Advisory Commission should be City residents, or have housing business interest or activity within city limits.

160.04 TERMS OF OFFICE.

~~All members of the Commission, except for the WVU Student Government representative and the Neighborhood Coordinating Council, shall serve a three-year term. The WVU Student Government Representative shall serve a one-year term.~~

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160.05 OFFICERS.

The Housing Advisory Commission shall select from its own membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary.

160.06 MEETINGS.

The Housing Advisory Commission shall meet as often as it may deem necessary, upon call of the chairperson. All meetings will be subject to the West Virginia Open Governmental Proceedings Act.

160.07 WRITTEN REPORTS.

The Commission shall submit annual reports to the City Manager and Council summarizing its past year's activities and recommendations for the ensuing year.

156.08 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPLIES.


As a board of the City, the Housing Advisory Commission shall be subject to the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

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