

INTRODUCED: March 14, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-094

To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1082, concerning the composition of the Audit Committee, for the purpose of clarifying membership requirements.

Patron – Mrs. Graziano

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: APR 11 2016 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That section 2-1082 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained as follows:

Sec. 2-1082. Members; terms of office.

(a) The Audit Committee shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the City Council. Two of these seven members shall be members of the Council appointed to serve terms coincident with their terms as members of the City Council [~~three members, at least one of whom shall be a certified public accountant,~~]. The remaining five members shall be appointed from the business community of the city [~~and two members, of which either~~]. Of these five members appointed from the business community of the city, at least one shall be licensed by the

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State Board of Accountancy as a Certified Public Accountant, at least one shall be a lawyer [or]
admitted to the Virginia State Bar, and at least one shall have experience in the financial services
industry.

(b) Council members appointed to the Audit Committee shall succeed themselves no more than two times, and citizen members shall not be allowed to succeed themselves more than two times. All appointments of citizen members shall be for terms of three years.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TITLE Audit Committee Membership

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Kathy Graziano, 4th District

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Organizational Development

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests an ordinance to amend City Code § 2-1082(a) to clarify membership requirements for the Audit Committee as follows:

The Audit Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the City Council. Two of these seven members shall be members of the City Council appointed to serve terms coincident with their terms as members of the City Council. The remaining five members shall be appointed from the business community of the city. Of these five members appointed from the business community of the city, at least one shall be licensed by the State Board of Accountancy as a Certified Public Accountant, at least one shall be a lawyer admitted to the Virginia State Bar, and at least one shall have experience in the financial services industry.

BACKGROUND

Program Summary: At present City Code § 2-1082(a) provides that:

"The Audit Committee shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the City Council. Two members shall be members of the Council appointed to serve terms coincident with their terms as members of the City Council, three members, at least one of whom shall be a certified public accountant, shall be appointed from the business community of the City and two members, of which either shall be a lawyer or shall have experience in the financial services industry."

This wording has left staff unclear on the qualifications required of the various Audit

Committee members. Clarification of the requirements for membership would be helpful when making appointments to the Audit Committee. This new wording clarifies that, of the five non-Council members:

- (i) all must either live in the city or work in the city, or both,
- (ii) all must belong to the business community of the city, a term which generally refers to those involved in managing businesses within the city,
- (iii) at least one accountant, one lawyer, and one person who has worked in the financial services industry must be on the Audit Committee,
- (iv) multiple accountants, lawyers, or financial services people could serve simultaneously on the Audit Committee, and
- (v) one person could fill multiple requirements.

Since the proposed amendment to City Code § 2-1082(a) neither add to the membership of the Audit Committee nor changes its duties and responsibilities, there will be no expenditure or revenue impact.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

There is no expenditure or revenue impact.

Attachment/s Yes No

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