

ORDINANCE NO. 6244

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 4 OF THE AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES" SO AS TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR REMOVAL FOR FAILURE TO MEET SUCH QUALIFICATIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY COMMISSION AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Augusta-Richmond County Code, Title 1, § 1-4-1 which reads

as follows:

§ 1-4-1. APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; PROHIBITION AGAINST APPOINTMENT TO MORE THAN ONE BOARD OR AUTHORITY

(a) The Augusta-Richmond County Commission has the responsibility under the Augusta-Richmond County Code and its Ordinances, and certain Acts of the General Assembly, to appoint members to certain boards, commissions, committees, panels, and authorities. The Augusta-Richmond County Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Richmond County to prohibit any one individual from being appointed to more than one permanent board, commission, committee, panel, or authority for which said Commission has the authority of appointment or ratifying appointments.

(b) No person who is serving on a permanent board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity appointed by the former Board of Commissioners of Richmond County, the former City Council of Augusta, or the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, shall, while serving as such a member, be qualified to be appointed to any other such permanent board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity.

(c) It shall be the duty of any prospective appointee to any such permanent the Augusta-Richmond County Commission to indicate to the Augusta- board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity appointed by Richmond County Commission, in advance of his appointment, his membership on any other such permanent board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other such entity.

(d) The Clerk shall notify any such appointee of his duty to notify the Augusta-Richmond County Commission of his membership on any other board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other such entity by appointment by the former Board of Commissioners of Richmond County, the former City Council of Augusta, or the Augusta-Richmond County Commission.

is hereby amended by deleting said section in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

§ 1-4-1. APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATIONS; PROHIBITION AGAINST APPOINTMENT TO MORE THAN ONE BOARD OR AUTHORITY

(a) The Augusta-Richmond County Commission has the responsibility under the Augusta-Richmond County Code and its Ordinances, and certain Acts of the General Assembly, to appoint members to certain boards, commissions, committees, panels, and authorities. The Augusta-Richmond County Commission deems it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Richmond County to prohibit any one individual from being appointed to more than one permanent board, commission, committee, panel, or authority for which said Commission has the authority of appointment or ratifying appointments and to provide qualifications for members on same.

(b) No person who is serving on a permanent board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity appointed by the former Board of Commissioners of Richmond County, the former City Council of Augusta, or the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, shall, while serving as such a member, be qualified to be appointed to any other such permanent board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity.

(c) No individual shall be eligible to be appointed to, or serve upon, any board, commission, authority, or other agency for which the Augusta-Richmond County Commission has the power of appointment, or the responsibility of approving appointments, who:

- (1) Has been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude, unless such individual has had his civil rights restored as provided by law;
- (2) Is under indictment for a felony or a crime of moral turpitude; or
- (3) Is not a resident of Richmond County, or fails to maintain his residency in Richmond County, except where otherwise permitted by law.

(d) It shall be the duty of any prospective appointee to any such permanent the Augusta-Richmond County Commission to indicate to the Augusta- board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity appointed by Richmond County Commission, in advance of his appointment, his membership on any other such permanent board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other such entity and his qualification to serve as provided herein.

(e) The Clerk shall notify any such appointee of his duty to notify the Augusta-Richmond County Commission of his membership on any other board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other such entity by appointment by

the former Board of Commissioners of Richmond County, the former City Council of Augusta, or the Augusta-Richmond County Commission and of his not being disqualified to serve for failing to meet the qualifications set forth in subparagraph (g) hereof.

Section 2. The Augusta-Richmond County Code, Title 1, is hereby further amended by amending § 1-4-2 providing for a Code of Ethics for members of boards and authorities by amending § 1-4-2 (a) such that said § 1-4-2 (a) shall read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each member of any board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, shall, upon appointment to such entity, whether directly or upon ratification of the appointment recommended or nominated by another body or entity, be subject to the Code of Ethics and Rules of Conduct set forth in Title 1, Chapter 1, Articles 2 and 3 of this Code.

Section 3. The Augusta-Richmond County Code, Title 1, is hereby further amended by amending § 1-4-4 providing for removal of members and the procedures for same, such that § 1-4-4 shall read as follows:

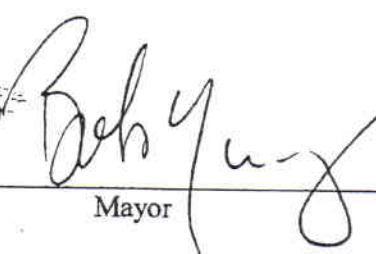
§ 1-4-4. REMOVAL; PROCEDURE

Upon good cause shown, including without limitation, a violation of the Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct set forth in Title 1, Chapter 1, Articles 2 and 3 or a failure to meet the qualifications set forth in § 1-4-1 hereof, the Augusta-Richmond County Commission may remove from the membership of any board or authority any member which it has appointed to that board or authority. The procedure for such removal shall be as set forth in § 1-4-2 (b) through (g) and § 1-4-3-above.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Duly adopted this 18th day of January 2000



Mayor

ATTEST: 

CLERK

1st Reading 1-4-2000
2nd reading 1-18-2000