

ORDINANCE NO. 6201

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 4 OF THE AUGUSTA-RICHMOND COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES" SO AS TO PROHIBIT MEMBERSHIP ON MULTIPLE BOARDS, TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR REMOVAL FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS; 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 Ordinances of the City Council of Augusta and the Ordinances of Richmond County, and certain Acts of the General Assembly, to appoint members to certain boards 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 board or authority for which said Commission has the authority of appointment or ratifying appointments.

(b) No person who is serving on a 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 appointed to any other 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.

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

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.

(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 board, commission, committee, panel, authority, or other entity appointed by the Augusta-Richmond County Commission to indicate to the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, in advance of his appointment, his membership on any other 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.

(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.

Section 2. The Augusta-Richmond County Code, Title 1, is hereby further amended by adding a new section, § 1-4-1.1, to provide for the removal of members for absences at three consecutive meetings to read as follows:

§ 1-4-1.1 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS; REMOVAL

(a) Faithful and prompt attendance at all meetings of boards, committees, commissions, panels, or authorities, and conscientious performance of the duties required of members shall be a prerequisite to continuing membership on such board, committee, commission, panel or authority.

(b) Except as hereinafter provided, should a member fail to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of such board, committee, commission, panel or authority, and should there be no adequate excuse for such absences as determined by such board, committee, commission, panel or authority, same shall recommend to the Augusta-Richmond County Commission that such member be removed as provided in § 1-4-1. Nothing herein shall be deemed to apply to any member of the Augusta-Richmond County Commission who may be a member of any such board, committee, commission, panel or authority.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed, including specifically § 7-4-4 (k).

Duly adopted this 5th day of October, 1999.

First reading September 21, 1999.

Bob Gray

Mayor

ATTEST: *Sandra Bonner*

CLERK