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# CHAPTER 10. ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

## § 3-1001. ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

(a) There is established an Environmental Planning Commission ("Commission") which shall propose a comprehensive plan for preventing and reducing litter and solid waste, and shall advise the Department of Public Works ("Department") on the implementation of the comprehensive litter and solid waste reduction plan.

(b) The Commission shall be comprised of 21 members, with 1 member appointed by each member of the Council of the District of Columbia ("Council"), 1 member appointed by the President of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia, 4 members appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia ("Mayor"), and 3 members appointed by the chairperson of the Committee on Public Works of the Council of the District of Columbia.

(c) The 4 members appointed by the Mayor shall be selected according to the following scheme:

- (1) One member to represent the Department of Public Works;
- (2) One member to represent the Office of Business and Economic Development; and
- (3) Two members to represent businesses within the District of Columbia.

(d) One of the members appointed by the chairperson of the Council committee with legislative oversight concerning litter and solid waste shall chair the Commission.

(e)(1) The Council-appointed members shall serve for 3-year terms and other members shall serve for 2-year terms.

(2) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment to the office that became vacant.

(3) The terms of the members first appointed shall begin on the date that a majority of the first members are sworn in, which shall become the anniversary date for all subsequent appointments.

(f) A majority of the members of the Commission shall be a quorum, which shall exist before the Commission may conduct business.

(g) The Commission shall meet at least once every 2 months. The chairperson of the Commission may convene the members for a meeting after reasonably attempting to inform each member of the time, the place, and the purpose of the meeting.

(Feb. 21, 1986, D.C. Law 6-84, § 2, 32 DCR 7287; Oct. 7, 1987, D.C. Law 7-31, § 5, 34 DCR 3789; Sept. 24, 1994, D.C. Law 10-178, § 2(a), 41 DCR 5205.)

### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

#### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 2-3201.

#### *Legislative History of Laws*

Law 6-84, the "Litter and Solid Waste Act of 1985," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 6-290, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on November 5, 1985, and November 19, 1985, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on November 27, 1985, it was assigned Act No. 6-109 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 7-31, the "Boards and Commissions Amendment Act of 1987," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 7-139, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on April 14, 1987 and May 5, 1987, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on June 1, 1987, it was assigned Act No. 7-26 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

Law 10-178, the "District of Columbia Solid Waste Management and Multi-Material Recycling Act of 1988

Amendment Act of 1994," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 10-10, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and the Environment. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on June 7, 1994, and July 5, 1994, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on July 26, 1994, it was assigned Act No. 10-303 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review. D.C. Law 10-178 became effective on September 24, 1994.

### **§ 3-1002. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION; SCOPE OF PROGRAM.**

(a) The Department shall work along with businesses, with charitable organizations, and with the Commission to implement a comprehensive litter and solid waste reduction and recycling program to improve the appearance of the local environment.

(b) The Commission, with full cooperation from the Department, shall monitor the progress of the comprehensive litter and solid waste reduction and recycling program.

(c) The litter and solid waste reduction and recycling program shall include, but not be limited to, the following activities:

(1) A summer youth project which employs teenagers to clean, during the summer, areas selected by the Department;

(2) A neighborhood blitz which would be a special clean-up program that would take place at least every 3 months in the dirtiest neighborhoods and alleys;

(3) An education program for teaching youth of all ages about the collection of litter and the recycling of solid waste;

(4) A planting project for growing flowers, trees, and grass throughout the District of Columbia, particularly in barren areas;

(5) A program for cleaning vacant lots and for cleaning lots where vacant buildings owned by the District of Columbia are located;

(6) The establishment of recycling centers;

(7) Recommendations for administrative and legislative action to beautify the District of Columbia; and

(8) The development of a comprehensive educational and promotional campaign on recycling for generators of commercial and residential solid waste.

(Feb. 21, 1986, D.C. Law 6-84, § 3, 32 DCR 7287; Mar. 16, 1989, D.C. Law 7-226, § 19(b), (c), 36 DCR 595; Mar. 25, 2009, D.C. Law 17-353, § 187, 56 DCR 1117.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

##### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 2-3202.

##### *Effect of Amendments*

D.C. Law 17-353 validated a previously made technical correction in subsecs. (c)(6) and (7).

##### *Legislative History of Laws*

For legislative history of D.C. Law 6-84, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-1001.

Law 7-226, the "D.C. Solid Waste Management and Multi-Material Recycling Act of 1988," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 7-378, which was referred to the Committee on Public Works. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on November 29, 1988 and December 13, 1988, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on January 10, 1989, it was assigned Act No. 7-301 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

For Law 17-353, see notes following § 3-308.

### **§ 3-1003. ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING FUND.**

(a) An Environmental Planning Fund ("Fund") shall be established as a separate bank account by the Commission to receive all funds from whatever source derived. All funds generated by this Commission shall be deposited in the Fund, in coordination with the D.C. Comptroller.

(b) The Commission is authorized to solicit, accept, and expend funds, gifts, and donations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(c) Any funds of the Commission, from whatever source derived, shall be for the sole use of the Commission and shall be deposited as soon as practicable in the Fund.

(d) The Commission shall submit to the Mayor and to the Council a bimonthly statement of its receipts and disbursements from the Fund.

(e) Any money remaining in the Fund or other assets belonging to the Commission upon the termination of the Commission shall be paid over into the General Fund of the District as general purpose revenues after the obligations of the Commission have been satisfied.

(Feb. 21, 1986, D.C. Law 6-84, § 4, 32 DCR 7287; Feb. 24, 1987, D.C. Law 6-192, § 9, 33 DCR 7836; Sept. 24, 1994, D.C. Law 10-178, § 2(b), 41 DCR 5205.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

##### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 2-3203.

##### *Legislative History of Laws*

For legislative history of D.C. Law 6-84, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-1001.

Law 6-192, the "Technical Amendments Act of 1986," was introduced in Council and assigned Bill No. 6-544, which was referred to the Committee of the Whole. The Bill was adopted on first and second readings on November 5, 1986, and November 18, 1986, respectively. Signed by the Mayor on December 10, 1986, it was assigned Act No. 6-246 and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for its review.

For legislative history of D.C. Law 10-178, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-1001.

### **§ 3-1004. ANNUAL REPORT BY COMMISSION.**

The Commission shall report each year to the Council and to the Mayor about progress in implementing the litter and solid waste reduction program and about the status of the Fund.

(Feb. 21, 1986, D.C. Law 6-84, § 5, 32 DCR 7287.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

##### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 2-3204.

##### *Legislative History of Laws*

For legislative history of D.C. Law 6-84, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-1001.

### **§ 3-1005. REIMBURSEMENT OF COMMISSION MEMBERS' EXPENSES; OFFICE SPACE, SUPPLIES, AND PERSONNEL.**

(a) Commission members may be reimbursed from the Fund for expenses reasonably related to the Commission's official duties in compliance with government guidelines.

(b) The Mayor shall also make available to the Commission office space, supplies, and necessary support personnel to accomplish its mission.

(Feb. 21, 1986, D.C. Law 6-84, § 6, 32 DCR 7287.)

#### *HISTORICAL AND STATUTORY NOTES*

##### *Prior Codifications*

1981 Ed., § 2-3205.

##### *Legislative History of Laws*

For legislative history of D.C. Law 6-84, see Historical and Statutory Notes following § 3-1001.