

**AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER NATALYN ARCHIBONG**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 93-0-0280 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE, THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT, AND STAFFING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Affordable housing has become more important than ever as the real estate values in the City of Atlanta ("the City") continue to escalate; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many immediate and long-term challenges facing lower income property owners and renters impacted by rising property value in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City should develop an innovative citywide policy to further develop and sustain various affordable housing options; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Atlanta seeks to expand and promote the production capability of both for-profit and non-profit developers and redevelopers of housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Housing Committee was established in 1993 by Ordinance 93-0-0280 and is no longer seated and has not met to report to the City Council in several years; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no evidence in the ordinance establishing the Housing Committee that it was ever codified in the Charter of the City of Atlanta; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to facilitate the foregoing goals, it is necessary to reestablish and update the Housing Committee to assist the City in these efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA**, as follows:

**Section 1:** In order to update the composition of the Housing Commission, Section 3 of Ordinance 93-0-0280 which reads:

**SECTION 3: COMPOSITION**

The Housing Commission shall be comprised of fifteen (15) members; with five (5) to be named by designated organizations (from their membership), and the remaining ten (10) to be appointed by the Mayor, president of Council and Councilmembers.

The designated organizations to be represented on the Commission shall be:

- (a) the Urban Residential Finance Authority
- (b) the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership
- (c) the Atlanta Task Force on the Homeless
- (d) the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority; and (e) the Atlanta Mortgage Consortium

The remaining ten (10) members shall be:

1. (a) representative from two Community Development Corporations;
2. (b) four (4) developer representatives  
(two) non-profits (1 multi-family and 1 single family)  
(two) for-profits (1 multi-family and 1 single family)
3. (c) two mortgage lenders; and

(d) two laypersons

Confirmation by Council shall not be required.

Is hereby amended to read:

**SECTION 3: COMPOSITION**

the Housing Commission shall be comprised of the following nine (9) members:

- One (1) member shall be a participant in a City of Atlanta Housing program
- One (1) member who is actively engaged as an advocate for low-income persons in connection with affordable housing

- One (1) member from the Urban Residential Finance Authority (URFA)
- One (1) member from the Atlanta Continuum of Care
- One (1) member from the for-profit development community
- One (1) member from the non-profit development community
- One (1) member from the mortgage lending community:
- One (1) member from the Office of Housing and Community Development
- One (1) member from the Atlanta Housing Authority

**Section 2:** In order to update the method of appointment of the Housing Commission, Section 4 of Ordinance 93-0-0280 which reads:

**SECTION 4: METHOD OF APPOINTMENT**

The method of appointment shall be as follows:

1. (a) one mortgage lender and one lay person shall be appointed by the Mayor;
2. (b) one mortgage lender and one lay person shall be appointed by the President of Council:
3. (c) one non-profit multi-family developer shall be appointed by Councilmembers from districts 3 and 4 and the at-large Councilperson;
- (d) one for-profit multi-family developer shall be appointed by Councilmembers from district 5 and 6 and the at large Councilperson
5. (e) one non-profit single family developer shall be appointed by Councilmember's from districts 1 and 2 and the at-large Councilperson
6. (f) one for-profit single family developer shall be appointed by councilmember from districts 7 and 8 and the at-large Councilperson
7. (g) one Community Development Corporation representative shall be appointed by the Councilmembers from districts 9 and 10 and the at-large Councilperson; and
- (h) one Community Development Corporation representative shall be appointed by the Councilmembers from districts 11 and 12 and the at-large Councilperson

Is hereby amended to read:

**SECTION 4: METHOD OF APPOINTMENT**

The method of appointment shall be as follows:

- Three (3) members appointed by the Mayor
- Three (3) members appointed by the Council President
- Three (3) members appointed by the City Council as follows:

o One (1) appointment made by Council Members from Districts 1,2,3,4, and post 1 o One (1) appointment made by Council Members from Districts 5,6,7,8 and post 2 o One (1) appointment made by Council Members from Districts 9,10,11,12, and post 3

The appointment of the Housing Commission members shall be confirmed by the Atlanta City Council.

**Section 3:** Section 4 of Ordinance 93-0-0280 which reads: **SECTION 5: STAFFING**

The Housing Commission shall receive primary staff report m"ld assistance from the City's Department of Housing. Other City depmiments and bureaus shall provide support and assistance as specifically requested by the Commission.

Is hereby deleted.

**Section 4:** In order to update Section 8 of the Housing Commission, Section 8 of Ordinance 93-0-0280 which reads:

**SECTION 8:** Members of the Housing Commission shall serve voluntarily and without compensation. Appointees shall be submitted to the Community Development Committee. The chair o f the Community Development Committee shall convene the first

meeting of the Commission. The members shall elect their own chairperson and other officers they deem appropriate.

Is hereby amended to read:

**SECTION 8:** Members of the Housing Commission shall serve voluntarily and without compensation. Appointees shall be submitted to the Community Development/ Human Services Committee. The chair of the Community Development/ Human Services Committee shall convene the first meeting of the Commission. The members shall elect their own chairperson and other officers they deem appropriate.