



City of Charleston  
South Carolina

Clerk of Council Department

JOHN J. TECKLENBURG  
MAYOR

JENNIFER B. COOK  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

A meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held at **3:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2023** via Conference Call at 1-929-205-6099, Access Code: 759694505. The agenda will be as follows:

- Invocation

### a. Public Participation

**Any person who speaks at a Community Development meeting shall conduct himself or herself in a manner appropriate to the decorum of the meeting and is asked to observe Section 2-28 (a) of the Code of the City of Charleston, Rules of Decorum. Violation of the Rules of Decorum may result in the forfeiture of audience before the Committee and/or removal from the meeting.**

**Citizens can participate virtually by telephone or leave comments for the Committee by completing the form at <http://innovate.charleston-sc.gov/comments/>. If requesting to speak by telephone, please provide your name and telephone number. Requests to speak at the meeting and comments must be received by 12:00 p.m., Thursday, February 16, 2023.**

### b. Approval of Minutes

1. January 19, 2023

### c. Old Business

None

### d. New Business

- i. An Ordinance to Amend Section 7-14 of Article 1, Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Charleston, South Carolina to Establish an Advisory Livability Review Board for Certain Code Violations and the Abatement of Vacant Structures that Constitute a Public Nuisance, and for the Livability Review Board to Hear Appeals Pursuant to Section 21-64 of Article III, Chapter 21 of the Code of the City of Charleston, South Carolina.
- ii. Update on the City of Charleston Hope Center - Presentation by Latosha Jenkins-Fludd

## **Miscellaneous Business**

### **Adjourn**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, people who need alternative formats, ASL (American Sign Language) Interpretation or other accommodation please contact Janet Schumacher at (843) 577-1389 or email to [schumacherj@charleston-sc.gov](mailto:schumacherj@charleston-sc.gov) three business days prior to the meeting.



## AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND SECTION 7-14 OF ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY LIVABILITY REVIEW BOARD FOR CERTAIN CODE VIOLATIONS AND THE ABATEMENT OF VACANT STRUCTURES THAT CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND FOR THE LIVABILITY REVIEW BOARD TO HEAR APPEALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 21-64 OF ARTICLE III, CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

Section 1. Section 7-14 of Article I, Chapter 7 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by deleting the struck through text and adding thereto the following underlined words, to state as follows:

Sec. 7-14. – Livability review Code enforcement board; hearing.

(a) Livability review board.

1. There is hereby established a livability review ~~the code enforcement~~ board that shall consist of five (5) eight (8) members and two (2) alternates. Such board shall be composed of two (2) city staff members from the City's preservation and housing divisions, respectively, who are appointed by the mayor; and three (3) City citizens appointed by the mayor, which shall include: one (1) general contractor; one (1) attorney engaged in practices of probate, estate planning, and/or real property transactions; and one (1) layperson who is a member of the City of Charleston Neighborhood Council. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the mayor. The alternates shall be staff members from the City's preservation, housing, and/or building inspections divisions.
2. The members of the livability review ~~code enforcement~~ board shall be appointed for a term of one year;.
3. Three (3) Five (5) members of the board shall constitute a quorum. All recommendations of the board shall require a majority vote. No board member shall act in a case in which said board member has a personal interest;.
4. The board shall meet at regular intervals to be determined by the chairperson, but no less than once per month. ~~function as an advisory board. The board shall identify and resolve issues pertaining to violations of this chapter, as specified in the~~

~~municipal ordinance summons, and make recommendations for disposition to the municipal court. The board shall meet at regular intervals to be determined by the chairperson, or in any event, the board shall meet within thirty (30) days after the issuance of a uniform ordinance summons;~~

- ~~5. In matters concerning violations under Chapter 7 of Article IV, Chapter 14 of Article IV, and Chapter 21 of Article III, the board shall function as an advisory board to the director of livability and tourism, chief building official, city preservation official, the director of planning preservation and economic innovation, and any of their respective designees (collectively, the "Referring Officials"). The board shall submit its recommendations in writing to the department of public service within ten (10) days after the conclusion of its last meeting;~~
  - ~~6. The board shall function as an advisory board to the municipal court for such pending uniform ordinance summons as the municipal court may refer to the board for abatement plan recommendations. The municipal court shall retain jurisdiction of such referred matters for final adjudication. The department of public service shall furnish all such recommendations of the board to the court by noon Tuesday of each week;~~
  - ~~7. The livability review code enforcement board shall in every case reach a decision without unreasonable or unnecessary delay. If a decision of the livability review code enforcement board is a recommendation of a dismissal or amendment of the uniform ordinance summons, as applicable, the Referring Official public safety housing officer shall be bound by such decision.~~
  - ~~8. The board shall identify issues and make recommendations in writing to the Referring Officials or municipal court, as applicable, within ten (10) days after the conclusion of its last meeting.~~
- (b) Hearings.
- ~~a. A hearing on matters referred to the livability review board by the municipal court shall be held as soon as practical but in any event no later than thirty (30) calendar days following referral to the board.~~
  - ~~b. The board shall advise the property owner and/or occupant of the referral, and at least ten (10) days' notice of the time and location of the hearing.~~
  - ~~c. The board shall further advise the property owner and/or occupant of the right to present evidence, and the right to be represented by counsel.~~

Section 2. Section 21-64(b) of Article III, Chapter 21 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by deleting the struck through text and adding thereto the following underlined words, to state as follows:

- (b) The hearing shall be conducted by the housing livability review board of appeals as established in section 7-14 of Article I, Chapter 7, section 7-91 of this Code. The board may amend or modify the notice and/or order, or extend the time for compliance with the department's order by the owner by such date as the majority of the appeals board may determine.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratified in City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the year of Our Lord, 2023, in the  
247th Year of the Independence of the United States  
of America.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Cook  
Clerk of Council