

**THE CITY OF FREDERICK  
MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

**ORDINANCE NO: G-19-17**

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

**Education Commission**

**FOR** the purpose of codifying provisions relating to the Education Commission previously established by resolution; revising certain provisions relating to membership; revising certain provisions relating to the purpose of said commission; establishing certain meeting provisions; and otherwise relating to the Education Commission of The City of Frederick.

**BY** adding

Chapter 2

Article VIII

The Code of the City of Frederick, 1966 (as amended)

**BACKGROUND**

On September 5, 2002, the Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution No. 02-37, authorizing and creating an Education Commission for the purpose of recognizing schools as an integral part of the community by enhancing and celebrating the positive impact of education within The City of Frederick. On October 5, 2006, the Board of Aldermen adopted Resolution No. 06-66, adopting revised goals and membership provisions for the Education Commission. The last Commission members were appointed for three-year terms in 2009, and thus as a practical matter the Commission has not been operational in several years. In 2018, a group of city residents came together with a renewed interest in the Education Commission. The Board of Aldermen now desires to transfer into the City Code certain of those provisions adopted by the foregoing resolutions, with some further amendments.

**SECTION I. BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK**, That Chapter 2, Article VIII of The Code of the City of Frederick, 1966 (as amended) is hereby added to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII. EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**Sec. 2-34. Findings and purpose.**

(a) **Findings.** The Board of Aldermen finds that:

- (1) Children who reside in urban environments often have different needs than those residing in non-urban areas; there is no "one-size fits all" in education;
- (2) The education and nurturing of youth in the city is paramount to ensuring the health, safety, and security of all residents, thus promoting a high quality of life in the city;

- (3) The Frederick County Board of Education does an outstanding job of providing quality education to the children of Frederick County, including the city, and its teachers are some of the most talented and dedicated in the United States;
- (4) There is a need to buttress and add to this education to ensure that children who reside in the city are mentored, counseled, coached, and educated to the maximum extent possible; and
- (5) An array of very talented and dedicated members of the community are willing to provide unmatched and valuable experience and mentoring to city youth.

(b) **Purpose.** The purposes and objectives of the Education Commission are to:

- (1) Help city youth and young adults acquire knowledge, develop powers of reasoning and judgement, and improve their overall quality of life;
- (2) Identify educational needs for children residing in the city, beyond those addressed through the standard educational curriculum;
- (3) Gain additional use of existing school facilities in the city in order to provide a safe environment for these efforts at the lowest possible cost;
- (4) Identify additional programs which currently exist, have existed in the past, or should be created to foster increased educational possibilities;
- (5) Promote and secure additional educational programs, which programs will foster the development of city youth and provide additional support for their health, safety, welfare, and future success;
- (6) Meet regularly with program providers, County education officials, and city youth to assess and determine their needs; and
- (7) Support and provide programs for additional needs of city youth.

**Sec. 2-35. Establishment.**

Pursuant to Article III, § 6(i) of the City's Charter, there is hereby established a committee to be known as the Education Commission.

**Sec. 2-36. Composition.**

(a) **In general.**

- (1) The Education Commission shall be comprised of at least 7 but no more than 9 voting members.
- (2) All members will be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.
- (3) Each member must be a resident of the City of Frederick.

- (4) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the term of a member is three years. Initial members will have staggered terms. The Mayor shall determine which member is to serve which term. Members may be reappointed to successive terms.
- (b) **Qualifications.** Members must have demonstrated a commitment to expanded educational and training opportunities beyond the standard educational curriculum and conventional classroom hours.
- (c) **Vacancies.** In the case of a vacancy, a new member will be appointed to complete the unexpired term of the vacant position. Upon the expiration of a term, a member may continue to serve until a successor is appointed.
- (d) **Removal.** A member may be removed for cause by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.
- (e) **Presiding officer.** The Education Commission annually will elect from its voting members a chairperson to preside over its meetings and a vice chairperson to preside over its meetings in the absence of the chairperson. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall each serve a one-year term and will be eligible for reelection.
- (f) **Aldermanic liaison.** The Mayor may appoint an Alderman to serve as a non-voting liaison to the Education Commission.

**Sec. 2-37. Meetings.**

- (a) **Schedule.** The Education Commission shall meet as often as it deems necessary to discharge its duties. Meetings will be scheduled by the chairperson.
- (b) **Open meetings.** Every meeting of the Education Commission will be open to the public in accordance with the Maryland Open Meetings Act, unless allowed by the Open Meetings Act to be closed. The record of any open meeting will be kept on file for public view in the Mayor's office.
- (c) **Quorum.** A quorum of the Education Commission is a majority of its current voting members. No action may be taken in the absence of a quorum.
- (d) **Rules of procedure.** The Education Commission may adopt rules of procedure to assist it in the transaction of its business.

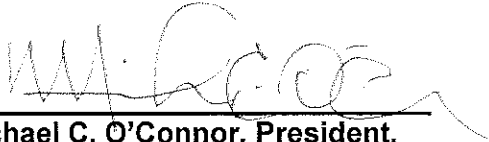
**SECTION II. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN,** That in the event any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this ordinance, it being the intent of the City that such remainder shall be and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION III. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** That this ordinance shall take effect on the date it is approved by the mayor and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance will as of that date be repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION IV. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED,** That this ordinance supersedes Resolution No. 06-66 and Resolution No. 02-37, both of which are hereby deemed void and of no further force or effect.

**PASSED:**

**DATE:**



June 20, 2019

**Michael C. O'Connor, President,  
Board of Aldermen**

**APPROVED:**


**DATE:**



June 20, 2019

**Michael C. O'Connor, Mayor**

**Approved for Legal Sufficiency:**

  
**City Attorney**