

Ordinance No.: 2022 -4-1
Introduced: 4/21/2022
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Effective
Date:7/13/2022

**The Village of Martin's Additions
(Ethics Committee – Terms of Office)**

**ORDINANCE TO CREATE STAGGERED TERMS
FOR ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, Maryland Code, Local Government Article, Section 5-202, as amended, grants to the legislative body of every incorporated municipality in Maryland general power to pass such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution of Maryland, or the public general law, as deemed necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, to protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, to preserve peace and good order, to secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality;

WHEREAS, Section 501 of the Charter of the Village of Martin's Additions authorizes the Village Council to pass such ordinances as it may deem necessary for the preservation of the property, rights, and privileges of the Village and its residents;

WHEREAS, after proper notice to the public, the Village Council introduced the following Ordinance in an open meeting conducted on the __21__ day of __April_____, 2022;

WHEREAS, after proper notice to the public, the Council considered this Ordinance in public session assembled on the __23__ day of ____June_____, 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the testimony and evidence presented at the public hearing, and the recommendation of the Village Ethics Committee, the Village Council finds that the foregoing Ordinance would assure the good government of the municipality, protect and preserve the municipality's rights, property, and privileges, preserve peace and good order, secure persons and property from danger and destruction, and protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the Village of Martin's Additions, and is necessary for the preservation of the property, rights, and privileges of the Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Council does hereby adopt the following Ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED, this _23__ day of ____June_____, 2022, by the Village Council, acting under and by virtue of the authority given it by the Maryland Code and the Charter of the Village of Martin's Additions, that the Village Code is hereby amended as follows:

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Section 2-101. Village Elections Committee and Ethics Committee

(a) There shall be a Village Elections Committee, which shall be composed of a minimum of three (3) members appointed by the Village Council. Members of the Elections Committee shall be qualified to vote in Village elections and shall not be members of the Village Council. The Elections Committee members shall serve until the end of the fiscal year in which they were appointed. The Elections Committee shall manage all Village elections as provided in Section 602 of the Charter of the Village of Martin's Additions.

(b) There shall be a Village Ethics Committee which shall be composed ~~of a minimum~~ of three (3) members appointed by the Village Council. Members of the Ethics Committee shall be qualified to vote in Village elections and shall not be members of the Village Council or the Elections Committee. The Ethics Committee members shall serve ~~until the end of the fiscal year in which they were appointed~~ **staggered** terms of **two (2) years**. **To initially establish the required staggering, or to maintain staggering after a vacancy, the Village Council in its discretion may appoint one or more members to serve one (1) year and/or one or more members to serve two (2) years.** The Ethics Committee shall have the following responsibilities:

(1) To provide advisory opinions to persons subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of this Code as to its applicability; and

(2) To make determinations as authorized by Chapter 4 of this Code.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ORDERED, by the Council of the Village of Martin's Additions, acting under and by virtue of the aforementioned authority, that:

(1) If any part or provision of this ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the part or provision held to be invalid shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining part thereof; and

(2) This Ordinance shall take effect on the 13 day of July, 2022 (at least 20 days after adoption).

ATTEST:

THE VILLAGE OF MARTIN'S ADDITIONS

Katie Howard, Secretary

Andrew Kauders, Chair
Village Council

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