

RESOLUTION NO. 400**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOUSING NEEDS IN DORCHESTER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Dorchester County Council and municipal leaders in Dorchester County believe that addressing the need for adequate housing is a priority in Dorchester County; and

WHEREAS, the County Council and municipal leaders believe that it is important to insure that new growth and development does not overshadow existing housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the County Council and municipal leaders want to create housing opportunities for existing County residents so that they may continue to reside in Dorchester County; and

WHEREAS, the Dorchester County Council wishes to appoint a Task Force to study issues concerning housing in Dorchester County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Council of Dorchester County by this Resolution declares:

- I. There is hereby created a Housing Task Force.
- II. The Housing Task Force shall consist of a total of **26** members as follows:
 - a. Each County Council member shall make one appointment by District
 - b. Each Cambridge City Council member shall make one appointment by Ward
 - c. Each Hurlock Town Council member shall make one appointment
 - d. Two appointments shall be made by the East New Market Town Council
 - e. Two appointments shall be made by the Secretary Town Council
 - f. Two appointments shall be made by the Vienna Town Council
 - g. Up to four appointments shall be made by the following towns: Church Creek, Eldorado-Brookview, and Galestown
 - h. The Dorchester County Circuit Rider shall serve as one appointment
- III. The members of the Task Force shall have a background in one or more of the following areas or a related field:
 - a. real estate
 - b. banking (loans and mortgages; home repair)
 - c. government, private or civic outreach groups that address the needs of families
 - d. construction, specifically development
 - e. planning
 - f. administration (including elected officials)
- IV. The mission of the Housing Task Force will be as follows:
 - a. To develop an acceptable definition of affordable housing in Dorchester County that meets the needs of citizens and facilitates growth and development.
 - b. To develop proposed opportunities for "affordable housing" and incentive programs for home ownership, maintenance and repair for all citizens.
 - c. To plan for the implementation of a Housing Coordinator at the County level to serve all of the County citizenry and to incorporate affordable housing opportunities as a strategy for planned and controlled growth and development.
- V. The Housing Task Force will appoint from its membership a President and Vice President of the Task Force
- VI. The Housing Task Force is authorized to establish subcommittees from its membership to provide recommendations concerning specific issues

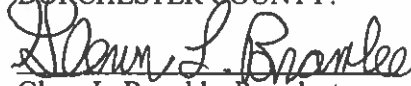
- VII. All meetings of the board shall be open to the public and advertised pursuant to §10-506 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, entitled Notice of Open Session.
- VIII. Pursuant to §10-509 of the Annotated Code of Maryland entitled Minutes, the Task Force shall appoint one member to prepare minutes summarizing all Task Force meetings and Task Force subcommittee meetings. Minutes shall be made available to the public and shall be distributed to the Dorchester County Council and all municipal officials in Dorchester County in a timely fashion.
- IX. The Housing Task Force shall initially meet at least monthly or as determined by the Board provided that the Task Force's subcommittees are tasked with meeting appropriate deadlines. The Task Force shall set meeting procedures, including the definition of a quorum.
- X. The Task Force must provide written reports to the County Council and all municipal officials at least on a quarterly basis.
- XI. The Task Force is required to make its final report to the Dorchester County Council and municipal governments within twelve months. It shall be the responsibility of the Dorchester County Council, in partnership with the local municipal officials to accept and implement any portion of the recommendation. The Council, in partnership with municipal officials reserves the right to reject any portion of the final recommendation not deemed to be in the best interest of the County.
- XII. Members of the Task Force shall continue to serve until reappointed or removed by the appointing authority as defined in I. a-h. Of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 12th DAY OF October 2004.

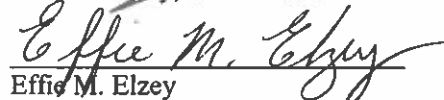
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