

Ordinance No. 860-26

An Ordinance Amending Bel Air Town Code

Chapter 10: Boards, Commissions and

Committees

Article VII: Cultural Arts Commission 10-30-33 Purpose; Membership; terms of office; quorum; Officers; rules and records; Meetings and compensation

WHEREAS, the members of the Town of Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission have recommended to amend the number required for a quorum to a majority; and

WHEREAS, staff, along with the commissioner liaison, recommend updating the language regarding the purpose of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending the language regarding special meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Town Commissioners that the Town of Bel Air Town Code, Chapter 10: Boards, Commissions and Committees Article VII: Cultural Arts Commission, shall be amended by Ordinance No. 860-26, as follows:

Chapter 10. Boards, Commissions and Committees Article VII. Cultural Arts Commission

§ 10-30 Purpose.

- A. Serve as an advisory commission to the Board of Town Commissioners on matters pertaining to the celebration and promotion of the cultural arts in the Town of Bel Air.
- ~~B. Support the development of a facility for cultural arts.~~
- C. Participate in the coordination of cultural arts programs and events within the Town of Bel Air and to work closely and in cooperation with the Events Committee, Bel Air Economic and Community Development Commission, Bel Air Downtown Alliance, Rockfield Foundation, and other established committees and commissions in the celebration of the arts in the Town of Bel Air.

§ 10-31 Membership; terms of office; compensation; officers; meetings; quorum.

The Cultural Arts Commission shall consist of not fewer than five nor more than nine members who shall be appointed by the Board of Town Commissioners. Members shall serve staggered three-year terms, with initial appointments of one, two and three years. Thereafter, appointments shall be made on a three-year basis. In the event that a vacancy shall occur during the term of any

member, a successor shall be appointed by the Board of Town Commissioners for the unexpired portion of the term. ~~Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.~~ **A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.** Any member who is absent from three consecutive meetings, without notifying the Chairman in advance of such meeting, shall forfeit membership.

§ 10-32 Officers; **rules** and records.

- A. An annual meeting for the election of officers shall be held in January, or the earliest practical date thereafter. All appointed members of the Commission are eligible to hold office.
- B. The Commission shall have the following officers:
 - (1) Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and perform all such duties as are incidental to the office of Chairman and are properly required of him/her.
 - (2) Vice Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, he/she shall exercise all the functions of the Chairman and shall be vested with all of his/her powers.
- C. ~~The majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.~~ The Commission shall adopt rules and bylaws governing its actions and keep a record of its proceedings.

§ 10-33 Meetings and compensation.

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly or at any special meeting called by the Chair. Special meetings may be called with ~~a written or verbal~~ notice, and the purpose of said meeting shall be specified in the minutes. Members of the Commission shall serve on a volunteer basis.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) day after passage unless petitioned to referendum.

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PUBLIC HEARING: May 4, 2026

ENACTMENT: May 4, 2026

EFFECTIVE: May 25, 2026

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Paula S. Etting, Chair
Board of Town Commissioners

Michael L. Krantz, Town Clerk