

RESOLUTION NO. 3166

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE MAYOR'S DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1991 the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution creating a Mayor's Disability Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 1997 the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution that the membership be expanded from five members to seven; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020 the Mayor and Council adopted a resolution that the membership be expanded from seven members to nine; and


WHEREAS, the purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Mayor on ways in which accessibility to City jobs, programs and services to people with disabilities can be improved; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Mayor's Disability Advisory Committee would be enhanced if its membership was a greater diversified representation of the disabled population and people who are familiar with the challenges faced by the disabled;

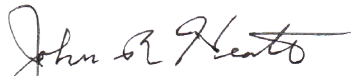
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland that the membership of the Mayor's Disability Advisory Committee be expanded from nine members to twelve, with each of the new members to be appointed by the Mayor for three-year terms.

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on April 25, 2022, and is to become effective immediately.

ATTEST:



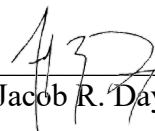
Kimberly R. Nichols
CITY CLERK



John R. Heath
PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS

____ 27th ____ day of April ____, 2022



Jacob R. Day, Mayor



City of
Salisbury
Jacob R. Day, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
From: Jessica Turner, City Liaison for Disability Advisory Committee
Subject: Increase Disability Advisory Committee Membership
Date: April 7, 2022

Since the last increase in the Disability Advisory Committee's (DAC) membership in 2020, the Committee's roster has remained full, attendance consistent, and the group as a whole is healthy and strong. The Disability Advisory Committee is dedicated to advocacy, which requires constructive conversation, regular meetings, and purposeful planning and implementation of projects. They have been meeting quarterly, but in order to become even more effective, the Disability Advisory Committee, under the leadership of Chairperson Dominique Sessa, has decided to meet every other month beginning in June 2022. An increase in frequency of meetings has led to a request to increase their membership from nine to twelve members. An increase in membership would allow for greater diversity and perspective and could help to guarantee a quorum be met as the frequency of meetings increases. The Disability Advisory Committee feels that twelve is a reasonable number—not too small and not too large, and that the increase would be in the best interest of the committee, its mission, and the community for whom it advocates.