



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

August 4, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk
Janet Coleson, Town Attorney
Adam Politzer, Interim Town Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss/consider adoption of a Resolution Modifying the Composition of and Extending the Term for the Members of the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (“RESJ”)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution Modifying the Composition of and Extending the Term for the Members of the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (“RESJ”).

DISCUSSION

The RESJ is currently comprised of 13 voting members. To achieve a quorum, 7 members must be present at meetings. However, there are currently only 7 voting members on the committee, which has resulted in meetings having to be cancelled when one member is unable to attend. To address this issue, staff is recommending reducing the number of voting members to 9, which would reduce the number for a quorum to 5.

Staff is also recommending extending the initial terms of all RESJ members, which were set for one year and will expire on September 2, 2021, pursuant to Resolution 20-29. Extending the terms by 60 to 120 days would give the RESJ additional time to come back to the Town Council with its recommendations. Staff is recommending 90 days, which would allow for any recommendations to be included on the December 1st Town Council agenda.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

RESOLUTION 21-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
MODIFYING THE COMPOSITION OF AND EXTENDING THE TERM FOR THE MEMBERS
OF THE RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (“RESJ”)**

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2020, the Town Council formed a committee to examine issues of racial equity, social justice, systemic racial bias, and diversity in the Town, to be known as the Racial Equity and Social Justice Committee (“RESJ”); and

WHEREAS, the composition of the RESJ was originally set at two (2) members of the Town Council; eleven (11) individuals who reside in the 94930-zip code area, or who work in or own a commercial storefront business in downtown Fairfax; and up to two (2) ex-officio youth (non-voting) members; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to modify the composition of the RESJ to consist of two (2) members of the Town Council; seven (7) individuals who reside in the 94930-zip code area, or who work in or own a commercial storefront business in downtown Fairfax; and up to two (2) ex-officio youth (non-voting) members; and

WHEREAS, the initial term of service for RESJ members was set at one (1) year; and

WHEREAS, the Council now wishes to extend the initial term of service for all members for an additional ninety (90) days, through and including December 1, 2021

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax does hereby modify the composition of the RESJ to consist of two (2) members of the Town Council; seven (7) individuals who reside in the 94930 zip code area, or who work in or own a commercial storefront business in downtown Fairfax; and up to two (2) ex-officio youth (non-voting) members, and extend the initial term of service for the members of the RESJ for an additional ninety (90) days, through and including December 1, 2021.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on August 4, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

BRUCE ACKERMAN, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk