

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC HEARING AND ADVISORY BOARD INPUT

The following summarizes concerns raised at the Public Hearing and from Advisory Board input and provides staff responses:

1. Council Question: Are board and commission members aware of the pilot program for Childcare and Transportation Assistance for Board and Commission Members?

Staff Response: Information about the pilot program will be shared with all staff liaisons at an upcoming meeting, who will then share the policy with their respective boards and commissions. The program has the following guidelines:

- For childcare assistance, the Town will provide a stipend equal to the living wage (\$13.70 per hour) for each hour of the meeting, plus one half hour (\$6.85) to cover the time it takes to get to and from the meeting.
 - Staff will work with board members requesting transportation assistance to determine the most appropriate option between transit or other transportation service.
 - Requests for childcare or transportation assistance must be made at least one day before the board or commission meeting.
2. Council Question: Some boards and commissions do not meet regularly throughout the year, such as the Grievance Hearing Board. How does the attendance policy apply to members of those boards and commissions, and for alternate members for boards and commissions that do meet regularly?

Staff Response: The amendment has been revised to include provisions for the situations mentioned above. The attendance amendment to the Advisory Board Membership Policy has been revised to include the following:

The attendance provision also applies to any member of a board or commission that does not have regular meetings, or any alternate member of a board or commission that does meet regularly, who misses more than three (3) consecutive meetings or more than half the meetings in a calendar year at which their attendance is expected.

3. Question from the Human Services Advisory Board: The board would like to offer the following recommendation to revise the Code of Ordinances, Sec 2-121, Membership terms.

Members of the human services advisory board may serve as a board member or as paid staff or paid consultant of a human services agency only if they recuse themselves from any and all hearings and deliberations about that agency.

Staff Response: This revision has been included in the proposed amendments.