



Housing Advisory Board Changes Update to Council on Ord. 19-007

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Background

NCC Code includes two Boards that relate to Housing

- **Housing Advisory Board**
- **Rental Housing Advisory Committee**

There is **redundancy** in membership and areas of focus between the Housing Advisory Board and Rental Housing Advisory Committee, and neither is currently filled

The **Housing Trust Fund** (currently at \$1,657,475) sits untapped, as the Housing Advisory Board is required to oversee its distribution

Intent of Ordinance 19-007

- Sunset the Rental Housing Advisory Committee and incorporate its interests into the Housing Advisory Board
- Update membership to ensure broad representation
 - “Nine members of the public representing diverse interests, including but not limited to development and housing, for-profit and non-profit housing providers, realtors, housing and homeless advocates, financial services, tenant advocates, landlords, and community representatives.”
- Clarify Housing Trust Fund priorities: address gaps for very low and low-income residents
 - “Advise the County Executive, County Council and relevant County departments on prioritizing the allocation of funds from the New Castle County Housing Trust Fund with an emphasis on very low and low-income households.”

Next Steps

Introduce Ordinance 19-007 at January 22nd Council Meeting

Consider Ordinance 19-007 at February 12th Council Meeting

Recruit members for Housing Advisory Board

- Share your suggestions with Sue Moore

Council interviews nominated Board members at upcoming Boards & Commissions meeting(s): February 19th and March 19th.