

CITY OF LAUREL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



CRAIG A. MOE
MAYOR

Executive Order No. 2020-19

Subject: Creation of City of Laurel
Clergy Advisory Council

Effective Date: July 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Laurel is committed to working with members of all of the various faith-based organizations in the Greater Laurel area; and

WHEREAS, the incorporated limits of the City of Laurel are located entirely within Prince George's County, Maryland, but there are social issues, needs, and an at-risk population, that cross Laurel's Corporate boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recognizes that faith-based groups play an important role in addressing social issues and assisting with and meeting the needs of many different populations, including people suffering from homelessness, addiction, mental illness, domestic violence, food insecurity and poverty; and

WHEREAS, since being elected as Mayor in 2002, the Mayor has hosted or convened quarterly breakfast meetings with members of the Clergy in the Greater Laurel Area that continue to this day; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the Mayor's office has relied on the Clergy Association and faith leaders to provide assistance and guidance in recognizing, understanding, and meeting the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recognizes that a group of representatives of faith-based groups can provide valuable advice, counsel, and support to the City on how to best assist the Mayor and City as a whole in efforts to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to have a formal Clergy Advisory Council to assist the Mayor and other City officials; and

WHEREAS, the following will be the creation, responsibilities and special events the Mayor would desires to create a "**City of Laurel Clergy Advisory Council**", to be known as the "**Council**", as follows:

Creation

- The City of Laurel Clergy Advisory Council (Council) shall be fifteen (15) voting members appointed by the Mayor.
- The Mayor shall appoint one (1) member from the Laurel City Council

- Fourteen (14) members shall be appointed by the Mayor who represent faith-based organizations within the Greater Laurel Area.
- The Mayor shall ensure that the Council consists of multiple denominations.
- Each member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years.
- Members may serve more than one (1) term.
- The Mayor shall appoint one member to serve as Chair, and the Vice Chair shall be elected annually by the full membership. The term of the Vice Chair shall be one (1) year
- The Mayor will assign staff as needed for clerical, ex officio members, etc.
- All those appointed shall be required to sign the City's Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Responsibilities

- The Council shall meet with the frequency it determines necessary to perform its functions under this Executive Order. **There shall be at least one (1) meeting per quarter.**
- Conduct an annual meeting with all groups in the City that provide services to the community, i.e.; LARS, Elizabeth House, etc.
- Provide faith-based messages to the community, as necessary.
- Assist the Mayor with spiritual guidance for the community, as necessary.
- Advise the Mayor on resources and best practices to assist with the needs of the Laurel area's at-risk population.
- Work with Mayor's Office staff to schedule quarterly meeting with the Mayor.
- Assist Laurel Police Department with death notifications, as necessary.
- Submit an annual report to the Mayor on plans and progress of responsibilities during the previous year.

Special Programs and Events

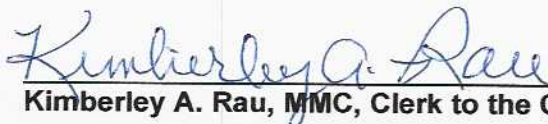
- Plan and host an annual prayer breakfast for the community.
- Assist City spiritual messaging during community disasters, emergencies, protests, etc. with
- Other programs or events as the Council may wish to sponsor or create.

This Executive Order shall take effect on July 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect until further notice or until this Executive Order has been amended or rescinded.



Craig A. Moe
Mayor

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