

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF CHEVY CHASE PARISH  
SUBMITTED BY THE VESTRY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX OF THE BY-LAWS**

The Vestry has approved the following amendments to Article IV of the Parish By-Laws and submits them to the Parish for approval.

1. Delete Article IV, Section 1 which provides:

**Committees Having Authority of the Vestry:** A majority of the Members of the Vestry may appoint one or more committees, which, to the extent provided by resolution of the Vestry, shall have and exercise the authority of the Vestry in the management of the Parish, but which shall not relieve the Vestry of any responsibility imposed upon it by civil or canon law. Such committees shall include a minimum of two Vestry persons in their membership. Each such committee shall report to the Vestry as directed by the Vestry.

Replace it with the following:

**Regular and Special Committees:** The Vestry may designate regular and special committees for such purposes as may be indicated in the resolution or resolutions providing therefor. The Rector shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Vestry, shall appoint members to each such committee. Each such committee shall report at least once annually to the Vestry (or more times if requested by the Vestry) on its activities, decisions and plans under its charter. Both the charter and the membership of each such committee shall be reviewed by the Vestry [annually or biannually?].

Reason for Amendment:

The existing By-Laws do not include a general provision for the appointment of committees. Rather, the existing By-Laws include a provision limited to the appointment of committees having the power of the Vestry. The proposed amendment (i) provides a general provision for the appointment of committees and (ii) eliminates the special provision for the appointment of committees with the power of the Vestry, a provision which has never been used.

2. Delete Article IV, Section 2 which provides:

**Executive Committee:** The Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Personnel Committee Chairperson, with the Rector, shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Vestry, which shall have such powers as the Vestry may from time to time confer upon it.

Reason for Amendment:

This provision is a relic from when the Vestry had 27 members and an executive committee was needed to manage the operations of the Vestry. With a 12-member Vestry, the executive committee is no longer needed and it has not met in recent years.