

Materials Management Advisory Council

Applicable Laws

- Ohio Revised Code (ORC) **Section 3734.49**

What is the Materials Management Advisory Council?

In 2015, Ohio's 131st General Assembly created the Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC) by combining two former councils — the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council and the Recycling and Litter Prevention Advisory Council.

As established in the Ohio Revised Code, MMAC's primary responsibilities are to:

- Provide guidance and advice to the director of Ohio EPA on solid waste issues and the state solid waste management plan;
- Provide guidance and advice to the director of Ohio EPA on recycling and litter prevention grant programs; and
- Facilitate partnerships that expand markets for recycled commodities.

For a full list of MMAC's responsibilities see Ohio Revised Code **Section 3734.49(F)**.

Who serves on MMAC?

As required by law, MMAC is comprised of thirteen members. An individual is appointed to represent a member by the governor of Ohio through Boards and Commissions.

As prescribed by law, MMAC consists of members representing the following:

- Solid waste management districts;
- Health districts;
- Counties;
- Municipal corporations;
- Townships;
- Statewide environmental advocacy groups;
- Private sector industries; and
- The general public.

As can be seen from this list, MMAC members represent various parties that are involved in or have an interest in solid waste management in Ohio. In this way, MMAC provides Ohio EPA with well-balanced input by ensuring that key stakeholders can participate in establishing Ohio's solid waste policies.

How long does an appointee serve?

An appointed representative serves on MMAC for a three-year term. Appointments expire on a staggered schedule over that three-year period with no more than five appointments expiring per year. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes when a member's appointment expires. At the end of a representative's three-year term, Ohio's governor can either reappoint that representative or appoint a new representative.

How does MMAC operate?

The director of Ohio EPA selects MMAC's chairperson from among all the Council's members. MMAC representatives annually select a vice-chairperson and a secretary. The secretary, working with Ohio EPA, keeps a record of the Council's proceedings.

MMAC is required to adopt and abide by bylaws governing its procedural operations. Current bylaws address factors such as:

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- Duties and expectations of members;
- Functions of officers;
- Support from Ohio EPA (such as staff);
- Preparing and issuing the agenda;
- Voting;
- Forming committees; and
- Proceedings of the Council;

A majority vote of MMAC's members is necessary to act on any matter.

MMAC is required to prepare and submit an annual report to Ohio's General Assembly. This report addresses the state of Ohio's solid waste management system and progress towards achieving the recycling and recovery strategy established in the state solid waste management plan. MMAC can also include recommendations for legislative action in the annual report.

How often does MMAC meet?

MMAC must hold at least two meetings each year. The chairperson or a majority of the members can request that MMAC hold additional meetings.

Can I attend MMAC meetings?

Yes. MMAC meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in attending MMAC meetings is encouraged to do so.

For More Information

Ohio EPA maintains a webpage dedicated to MMAC — epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/Home/MMAC.aspx. The website includes:

- MMAC's meeting schedule;
- the list of current appointees;
- the agenda and location for the upcoming meeting;
- minutes and presentations from previous meetings;
- the bylaws; and
- annual reports to Ohio's General Assembly

You can also contact DMWM to get information about MMAC.

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