

COMPARED VERSION
NEW ORDINANCE TO CODE BOOKS

ORDINANCE NO. 240825

Amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances, entitled “Boards, Commission and Committees,” by repealing Division 20, entitled “Climate Protection Steering Committee,” including Sections 2-970.40, 2-970.41, 2-970.42, 2-970.43, 2-970.44, and 2-970.45, and by repealing Sections 2-951, 2-952, 2-953, 2-954, enacting in lieu thereof new sections of like numbers and subject matter for the purpose of disbanding the Climate Protection Steering Committee and expanding the duties of the Environmental Management Commission.

WHEREAS, Council established the Environmental Management Commission to offer policy recommendations to the City Council, City staff, and all other boards and commissions of the City concerning the issues of environmental planning, management, and compliance in Ordinance No. 960220, passed on March 28, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Protection Steering Committee was formed to oversee the planning process and work with City staff to develop the City’s first Climate Protection Plan, and Council incorporated the findings and recommendations of that plan into City policy and operations in Resolution No. 080754, adopted on July 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Council formally established the Climate Protection Steering Committee to continue to advise on the implementation of the Climate Protection Plan and to further assist and support City leadership by serving as an advisory board to the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager on matters related to climate protection in Ordinance No. 140760, passed on September 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Council directed the City Manager to develop and submit to Council a new Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan in Resolution No. 200005, adopted on May 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Council adopted the City’s updated Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan, as approved by the Climate Protection Steering Committee, and incorporated its findings and recommendations into City policy and operations in Resolution No. 220596 on August 25, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to consolidate the current duties of the Environmental Management Commission and Climate Protection Steering Committee into one singular environmental advisory body; and NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby amended by repealing Article VI, Division 20, Climate Protection Steering Committee, including Sections 2-970.40, Purpose, 2-970.41, Establishment; membership; appointment of members, 2-970.42, Duties, 2-970.43, Terms, 2-970.44, Meetings; rules and procedure, and 2-970.45, Staff support.

Sec. 2-970.40. Purpose.

~~The Climate Protection Steering Committee will assist and support city leadership by serving as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council and City Manager on matters related to climate protection.~~

Sec. 2-970.41. Establishment; membership; appointment of members.

~~The Climate Protection Steering Committee shall consist of eleven members, appointed by the Mayor. One member shall be appointed to the committee from each of the following entities or groups:~~

- ~~(1) At least one member shall be a representative of the City's Environmental Management Commission.~~
- ~~(2) At least one member shall be a representative of the business community within the city.~~
- ~~(3) At least one member shall be a representative of the utility or energy production sector within the city.~~
- ~~(4) At least one member shall be a representative of the non-profit sector within the city.~~

~~All members shall be residents of the city, except that up to four members may live outside of the city, provided that they personally contribute to the city's earnings tax.~~

Sec. 2-970.42. Duties.

~~The committee shall advise the City Council on the implementation of the City's Climate Protection Plan. The committee shall also review plans, budgets, programs and actions of the city which significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while preserving economic development, transportation options and the ability of responsible producers of energy to provide a stable and cost effective energy supply. The committee shall advise the City Council as to important developments related to the Climate Protection Plan as appropriate.~~

Sec. 2-970.43. Terms.

~~(a) Each member shall be appointed for a three year term. The terms shall be staggered. To effectuate a staggering of terms, three of the initial appointments shall be for one year, four of the initial appointments shall be for two years, while the remainder shall be for three years. All members shall continue to serve until their respective successors shall have been appointed. They may thereafter be reappointed at the pleasure and discretion of the Mayor. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of any member whose seat shall be vacant.~~

Sec. 2-970.44. Meetings; Rules and Procedures.

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~~The committee shall meet a minimum of four times per year at a time and place determined by the committee. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation and shall be subject to removal by the Mayor. The committee shall elect its own chair and vice-chair. The committee may adopt, from time to time, those rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to effectuate its purpose and govern its affairs.~~

~~Sec. 2-970.45. Staff Support.~~

~~The City Manager's Office of Environmental Quality shall provide clerical and administrative services for the committee.~~

Section 2. That Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby amended by repealing Article VI, Division 10, Environmental Management Commission, including Sections 2-951, Establishment; membership; appointment of members, 2-952, Chairperson; term of office; vacancies, 2-953, Duties, 2-954, Staff, and enacting in lieu thereof a new division and new sections of like name, number, and subject matter, to read as follows:

Sec. 2-951. Establishment; membership; appointment of members.

~~That an environmental management commission is hereby established which~~ The Environmental Management Commission shall be composed~~consist~~ of ~~17~~nine members appointed by the ~~mayor~~Mayor. All members shall be residents of the City.

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Sec. 2-952. Chairperson; term of office; vacancies.

~~(b) (a) The mayor~~Mayor shall designate a ~~chairperson or chairpersons of the commission who shall reside in~~Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

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~~(c) Members shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall serve at the~~ city~~pleasure of the Mayor.~~

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~~(d) Each member shall serve until respective successors have been appointed. They may thereafter be reappointed at the pleasure and discretion of the Mayor. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of any member whose seat shall be vacant.~~

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Sec. (b) ~~All other members shall be residents of the city, except that five members may live outside of the city, provided that they personally contribute to the city's earned income tax. Each member shall serve three year terms beginning August 1 and until their successors are appointed and qualified. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be similarly made, with the replacement member serving the remainder of the succeeded member's term.~~

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~~Sec. 2-953. Duties.~~

(a) The duties of the ~~commission~~Commission shall include:

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~~(1) (4)~~ Offering policy recommendations to the City Council, cityCity staff, and all other boards and commissions of the City concerning the issues of environmental planning, management, and compliance.

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~~(2)~~—

~~(2)~~ Advising the City Council on the implementation of the City’s Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan and as to important developments related to the plan as appropriate.

~~(3)~~ Reviewing plans, budgets, programs, and actions of the City which significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while preserving economic development, transportation options, and the ability of responsible producers of energy to provide a stable and cost-effective energy supply.

~~(4)~~ Providing liaison to and maintaining relationships with other cities, regional policy bodies, and organizations to advocate for timely inclusion of environmental considerations in all ~~city~~City policies and programs.

~~(5)~~ ~~(3)~~—Monitoring ~~office~~Office of ~~environmental quality~~Environmental Quality reports regarding the ~~city’s~~City’s actions for compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations, and locally adopted ordinances, plans, and resolutions.

~~(b)~~ ~~(b)~~—The ~~commission~~Commission shall be authorized to adopt rules to govern how it shall conduct its affairs.

~~(c)~~ ~~(e)~~—The ~~commission~~Commission shall make an annual report to the ~~city council~~City Council in the first month of the ~~city’s~~City’s fiscal year. The report shall include recommendations regarding environmental priorities, opportunities, and challenges for inclusion in the ~~city’s~~City’s five-year planning cycle.

~~(d)~~ ~~(d)~~—The ~~commission~~Commission shall meet ~~a minimum of ten times per year~~ at times and places determined by the ~~commission~~Chairperson.

Sec. 2-954. Staff.

The ~~director~~Director of the ~~office~~Office of ~~environmental quality~~Environmental Quality or the ~~director’s~~Director’s designee shall be an ex-officio member of the ~~commission~~Commission and shall provide clerical and administrative services for the ~~commission~~Commission.

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