

ORDINANCE NO. 22-____

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, City Council may create any advisory and appeal board or commission. All boards and commissions shall be created by ordinance, which shall prescribe the powers and duties delegated by City Council pursuant to City Charter § 9-10; and

WHEREAS, in the Pikes Peak Region there is no formal board addressing the implications of City policies, programs, and operations on sustainability and the corresponding impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, the community has expressed support for the creation of an advisory board to provide ongoing analysis and recommendations to City Council regarding sustainability related policies, programs, and operations; and

WHEREAS, sustainability can be defined as “living or acting in a manner that balances improving quality of life, a healthy vibrant community, and mindful stewardship of the natural resources and environment while protecting the ability of future generations to do the same;” and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes the importance of a sustainable environment and the impact it has on our health, safety, and economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. There shall be established a Sustainability Advisory Board (the “Board) for the purposes of:

- A. Advising City Council on the effects local government policies, programs, and operations pertaining to sustainability and corresponding impacts on the community;
- B. Advising the City Council on implementation of the Pikes Peak Region 2030 Plan, as adopted by the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, through budget recommendations, data-driven audits and best sustainability practices;

C. Drafting a proposed Colorado Springs Sustainability Action Plan for City Council review and approval; and

D. Advising City Council on sustainability issues and policies focusing on the following areas:

1. Agriculture and Food Access
2. Natural Environment
3. Built Environment
4. Energy
5. Materials Management
6. Transportation
7. Economic Development
8. Health
9. Education.

E. The Board will work in an advisory capacity to guide City Council in advocating for sustainability programs and polices within the City of Colorado Springs.

F. The Board may recommend areas of inquiry and topics of study, and City Council may suggest additional areas of focus.

Section 2.

A. Board members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and must comply with City Charter §§ 3-60(d) and 9-10, City Code §§ 1.2.901 *et seq.* and 1.3.101 *et seq.*, the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-201 *et seq.*, and the Rules and Procedures of City Council, Part 5.

B. All members of the Board shall be residents of the City of Colorado Springs.

C. The Board shall consist of seven (7) regular members

D. Board members will represent a cross-section of the racial, geographic, and economic diversity of the City.

E. All seven (7) regular members shall represent a public or private organization relating to agriculture, the natural environment, the built environment, energy, materials management, transportation, economic development, health, or education.

F. In addition to regular members, the Board can appoint non-voting Agency Liaisons from the following organizations but not limited to:

1. Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County
2. El Paso County Health Department
3. Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

G. In addition to regular members, City Council may appoint alternate members.

H. Any member who is unexcused from more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve (12) month period is subject to removal from the Board

Section 3.

A. Board members shall be appointed for up to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms.

B. Each regular member of the initial Board shall serve at least one (1) term and shall be appointed to a one (1), two (2), or three (3) year term by lot, to achieve staggered appointments.

C. Regular members of the initial Board serving a one (1) year initial term shall be eligible for re-appointment to no more than two additional three (3) year terms.

Section 4. Board members, when acting within the scope of their appointments, shall comply with the provisions of City Charter §§ 3-60(d) and 9-10; the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended ("City Code"), including but not limited to City Code §§ 1.3.101 *et seq.* (the "Code of Ethics") and 1.2.901 *et seq.* ("Boards and Commissions"); the City of Colorado Springs Rules and Procedures of City Council.

Section 5.

- A. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- B. The Board shall meet at times and locations convenient to the Board and to the public.

Section 6. The Board may promulgate rules of procedure for the conduct of its business and meetings which must be consistent with the City of Colorado Springs Rules and Procedures of City Council and shall be approved by City Council.

Section 7. With the approval of the City Council and in accord with its Rules of Procedure, the Board may appoint standing or special committees as needed for the efficient study or analysis of sustainability programs and policies.

Section 8. The Board, with the assistance of City staff, shall be permitted to conduct an election of a chair and vice-chair; call special meetings; and prepare, approve, and distribute agendas and minutes. The Board shall not employ staff, and shall not have authority to enter into contracts, to obligate the City financially or otherwise, or to make public statements on behalf of the City.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final adoption and publication as provided by Charter.

Section 10. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance be available for inspection and acquisition in the Office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading and ordered published this ____ day
of _____, 2022

Finally passed: _____

Council President

Mayor's Action:

- Approved on _____.
- Disapproved on _____, based on the following objections:

Mayor

Council Action After Disapproval:

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of _____, on _____.
- Council action on _____ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk