

ORDINANCE NO. 07-21

**CITY OF HAZEL PARK
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, ADDING CHAPTER 2.51 ENTITLED ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION, WHICH ESTABLISHES, REGULATES, AND SETS FORTH THE MEMBERSHIP, DUTIES, AND PROCEDURES OF THE HAZEL PARK ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.

THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK ORDAINS:

PART I. AMENDMENT

Chapter 2.51 - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

The City of Hazel Park is committed to lead by example, promote public participation and engage in community partnerships that improve our quality of life and protect the natural systems that sustain life for present and future generations.

2.51.010 - Created, composition.

There is hereby created and established for the city an advisory commission to be known hereafter as the Environmental Sustainability Commission, which shall consist of no less than five members to be appointed by City Council. The City Manager shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

2.51.020 - Members' terms of office.

Members of the Commission shall hold office for terms of two years and are eligible for reappointment.

2.51.030 - Compensation.

The Commission shall serve without compensation.

2.51.040 - Quorum.

Simple majority of voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum and a lesser number may adjourn any meeting at which a quorum is not present.

2.51.050 - Organization.

The Environmental Sustainability Commission shall, every two years, elect one of its members, other than ex-officio member(s), as chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer.

The Commission shall meet at a minimum of quarterly and as necessary to fulfill the responsibilities set forth in this article. Special meetings shall be at the instigation of the chairperson, vice-chair, or two or more voting members of the Commission.

2.51.060 - Rules of procedure.

The Environmental Sustainability Commission shall adhere to by-laws and rules of order and procedure not inconsistent with the provisions of this article and approved by City Council.

2.51.060 - Minutes.

A copy of the minutes of all Environmental Sustainability Commission meetings shall be filed with the City Clerk for transmittal to the City Council and to the City Manager.

2.51.080 - Duties.

The Environmental Sustainability Commission as herein created shall be charged with the following duties:

- (1) To study, conceive, formulate, promulgate, and develop plans for the development, encouragement and guidance for residents and businesses to support increased habitats for bees, bats, butterflies, and other desirable species, and creating native plant gardens, alternative lawns, living roofs, butterfly waystations, rain gardens, owl houses, pollinator gardens, bat boxes, and promote the use of environmentally friendly pest control measures.
- (2) To study, investigate and develop plans for improving the health, sanitation, safety, and cleanliness of the city, including increased participation in the city's recycling program, promoting an understanding of the city's water system and protocols in place to ensure safe drinking water.
- (3) To act as an advisory body to the Mayor and Council in the development or initiation of programs or actions that will enhance and create sustainable practices within the community.
- (4) To encourage and recommend the placing, planting, and preservation of native, non-invasive: trees, flowers, plants, shrubbery, and other objects of ornamentation in the city, with the beautification commission.
- (5) To collect, study and evaluate information on community improvements that better mitigate our carbon footprint, and to make recommendations thereon.
- (6) To sponsor, plan, promote, coordinate, and carry out activities for the restoration, preservation, and enhancement of green spaces and community gardens in the city.
- (7) To otherwise promote public interest in the general value of nature, green spaces, and native plant species in the city; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to abridge, invade, supplant, or change the powers and duties of the other commissions, departments, boards, and agencies of the City.
- (8) To create a model of sustainability through efforts to advocate, educate and promote the social, economic, and environmental health of the community now and into the future.
- (9) To recognize natural resources as chief assets of the City of Hazel Park and encourage responsible stewardship of these assets.
- (10) To promote and participate in Park Clean-Up Day and Earth Awareness Day and to promote general eco-friendly and pollution control measures and climate friendly commercial projects and business within the city, while working to attract more such business.

PART II. SAVINGS CLAUSE

The amendment of Title 2, Administration and Personnel, adding Chapter 2.51, entitled Environmental Sustainability Commission, does not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing or accrued or liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment, pending or incurred to these amendments.

PART III. REPEAL

This ordinance hereby repeals any ordinance which conflicts with the provisions hereof.

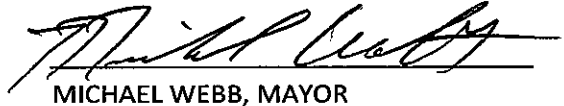
PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE; PUBLICATION

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective ten days after its publication. It shall be published within ten days of its adoption by way of a brief notice in a newspaper circulated in the City stating the date of the adoption and the effective date of the ordinance, a brief statement as to the subject matter of this ordinance, and such other facts as the Clerk deems pertinent. A copy of the ordinance is available for purchase and/or inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

Part V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Appointment to this commission is presumed not to be a conflict of interest, including with any other appointment, service, or employment.

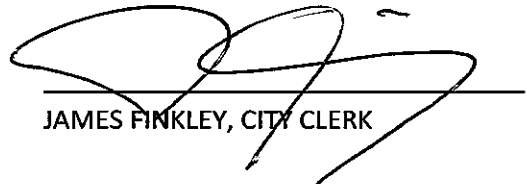
MADE, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAZEL PARK, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN ON THE 10th DAY OF August, 2021.


MICHAEL WEBB, MAYOR

Date of Adoption: 8/10/2021
Date of Publication: 8/25/2021
Effective date: 9/3/2021

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of an Ordinance passed at a meeting of the Hazel Park City Council, held on the 10th day of August, 2021.


JAMES FINKLEY, CITY CLERK