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Ordinance No. 025547

Council Bill No. B 308-23

**AN ORDINANCE**

amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to establish a food council; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. A new Division 9 under Article V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby enacted as follows:

**DIVISION 9. FOOD COUNCIL**

Sec. 2-301. Established.

The food council of the City of Columbia, Missouri is hereby established.

Sec. 2-302. Duties and responsibilities.

The council shall have the following duties and responsibilities.

- (1) To advise the city council in matters pertaining to equitable and sustainable food systems.
- (2) To make recommendations related to establishing an equitable and sustainable food system.
- (3) To identify opportunities for and barriers to equitable implementations of food policies.
- (4) To educate the public and promote equitable food policies that positively impact the nutritional, economic, social, environmental, and human health of community residents and visitors.

Sec. 2-303. Members; terms.

(a) The food council shall be composed of nine (9) members, appointed by the city council. Members shall serve without compensation and shall not be paid employees of

the city. Members shall demonstrate significant knowledge, interest or expertise in equitable food systems and policies. In making appointments, selection of members shall be made so as to encourage diverse representation of the socio-economic, geographic and demographic diversity of the community and shall include a cross-section of members who have an experience in education, health, food production, processing, distribution, retail and/or waste.

(b) To provide for staggered terms, upon initial appointment three (3) members shall serve a term of one (1) year, three (3) members shall serve terms of two (2) years, and three (3) members shall serve terms of three (3) years. Thereafter, the term of office of all members shall be three (3) years, or until a successor is appointed and qualified, except that appointments to fill vacancies shall be for unexpired terms only.

Sec. 2-304. Officers; meetings; quorum; attendance.

(a) The food council shall elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members. The term of these officers shall be one (1) year. The chair shall preside at meetings. The vice-chair shall preside when the chair is absent or otherwise unable to preside.

(b) The food council shall meet at least quarterly at times and places accessible to the public. Special meetings may be called by the chair.

(c) A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than five (5) members.

(d) The chair is authorized to excuse any member from attendance at a food council meeting; provided, that the member requested to be excused before the meeting. Any member who is absent, without being excused, from fifty (50) percent of the regular food council meetings held in a calendar year shall automatically forfeit the office. Any member who is absent, without being excused, from three (3) consecutive regular meetings shall automatically forfeit the office. The chair shall promptly notify the city council through the city clerk of any such vacancy.

Sec. 2-305. Conflicts of interest.


Food council members shall not serve on the board of directors or be employed by any organization which applies for funding or receives funding or services upon recommendation of the food council. Policy recommendations related to the duties and responsibilities of the food council that are not directed at the funding or payment for the performance of services by a specific organization and under which the organization is not treated differently than similarly situated organizations is not deemed to be a conflict of interest. For purposes of this section, each academic and administrative unit of the University of Missouri shall be considered a separate organization and each school of the Columbia Public School District shall be considered a separate organization. Any member who violates this section shall automatically forfeit the office. It shall be the duty of the chair to promptly notify the city council of the vacancy.

Secs. 306-2-315. Reserved.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.


PASSED this 18th day of December, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Counselor