



Department Source: Sustainability

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 16, 2019

Re: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to terminate the Environment and Energy Commission and establish a Climate and Environment Commission

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for City Council's consideration an ordinance terminating the Environment and Energy Commission and replacing it with a Climate and Environment Commission. This ordinance takes the recommendations and feedback from the August 19, 2019 report to City Council and feedback from the Environment and Energy Commission. If adopted, the commission will be advertised in October and appointments can be made in November 2019.

## Discussion

The purpose of the Climate and Environment Commission is to advise City staff on reporting to City Council the implementation activities of the CAAP, act as a primary liaison for outreach and awareness on the CAAP throughout the community, provide input on evaluating additional opportunities for mitigation and resilience actions in Columbia, and advise City Council on environmental issues, as directed.

Feedback from Columbia City Council and the Environment and Energy Commission on the August 19 report resulted in the increasing the membership from 12 to 15 members.

### Membership

The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed by city council. Members should have an interest or expertise in the three pillars of sustainability: economic prosperity, environmental integrity and social/cultural vibrancy. Selection of members will be made so as to encourage representation of the socio-economic, geographic, and demographic diversity of the community, including youth representation, and members should represent a wide range of stakeholders of the community including business, neighborhoods, non-profit and educational institutions.

Commission members shall be residents of Boone County. Members shall serve without compensation. A member may not be a paid officer or employee of the city, be a party to any pending litigation against the city, or be an elected public office holder.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

1. To advise city staff in the preparation of an annual Climate Adaptation and Action Plan (CAAP) action progress report and recommendations for city council.
2. To present the annual CAAP report, with policy and budget priorities, to city council for acceptance in January.



3. To identify opportunities for and barriers to equitable implementations of CAAP strategies.
4. To review annual greenhouse gas emissions inventory for progress on meeting greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.
5. To evaluate additional opportunities for mitigation and resilience actions not included in the original CAAP.
6. To educate and engage the public on commission priorities.
7. To coordinate and communicate with other boards and commissions on commission priorities.
8. To advise city council on environmental issues, as directed.

The Environment and Energy Commission voted at their August 27, 2019 meeting to endorse this ordinance, as amended to include fifteen (15) members.

### Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: n/a  
 Long-Term Impact: n/a

### Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Operational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

### Legislative History

Date	Action
08/19/2019	Report on proposed commission monitoring implementation of Climate Action and Adaptation Plan
07/15/2019	Columbia City Council work session on Climate Commission PR-89-19, Adopting the Climate Action & Adaptation Plan
06/17/2019	

### Suggested Council Action

Affirmative vote of ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to terminate the Environment and Energy Commission and establish a Climate and Environment Commission.