



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 21, 2025

Re: An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership requirements for the Food Council

## Executive Summary

An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the City Code as it relates to membership requirements for the Food Council; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

## Discussion

The Food Council was established in 2023 and sets the foundation for fulfilling the requirements of the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) Opportunity Fund contract. The Food Council currently consists of nine (9) members with an interest in equitable food systems and policies. While all members have experience that may stretch beyond the City of Columbia, the Food Council feels that the addition of two county representatives will help to contribute to a more well-rounded council. The purpose of this amendment is to add two (2) additional members to be appointed by the Boone County Commission. The addition of Boone County representatives will also better support the purpose of the Food Council, which includes the following: to advise City Council in matters pertaining to equitable and sustainable food systems; to make recommendations related to establishing an equitable and sustainable food system; to identify opportunities for and barriers to equitable implementations of food policies; and 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.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: no fiscal impact

Long-Term Impact: none

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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## Legislative History

Date	Action
7/7/2025	REP32-25: Request from the Food Council to add two Boone County representatives. <a href="#">REP32-25</a>
12/18/2023	B308.23: Amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to establish a food council. <a href="#">B308-23</a>
11/20/2023	R184-23: Approving and ratifying a grant award agreement with The Missouri Foundation for Health to support the work of a local Food Council to create a resilient, equitable, and sustainable local food system; authorizing an amendment to the grant award agreement with The Missouri Foundation for Health. <a href="#">R184-23</a>

## Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.