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First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 294-19

**AN ORDINANCE**

repealing Division 8 within Article V of Chapter 2 of the City Code relating to the Environment and Energy Commission and enacting in lieu thereof a new Division 8 to establish the Climate and Environment Commission; 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. Division 8 within Article V of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Columbia, Missouri, relating to the Environment and Energy Commission, is hereby repealed and in lieu thereof a new Division 8 to establish the Climate and Environment Commission is hereby enacted reading in words and figures as follows:

**ARTICLE V. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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**DIVISION 8. CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**

Section 2-291. Established.

The Climate and Environment Commission is hereby established.

Section 2-292. Membership, terms.

(a) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed by the 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 within the community including business, neighborhoods, and non-profit and educational institutions.

(b) 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.

(c) Commission members shall initially be appointed to staggered terms as follows: five (5) members for a term of one (1) year, five (5) members for a term of two (2) years, and five (5) members for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years, except that any appointment to fill a vacancy, occurring other than by expiration of a term, shall be filled for the unexpired term only.

Section 2-293. Meetings, quorum, attendance.

The commission shall meet at least quarterly. Eight (8) members shall constitute a quorum to do business. The commission shall hold annual elections, electing a chair and vice-chair. When any officer's appointment to the commission expires or becomes vacant, the commission shall elect a new officer. The chair of the commission is authorized to excuse any member from attendance at a commission meeting; provided, that the member requested to be excused before the meeting. Any member who is absent, without being excused, from twenty-five percent (25%) of the regular commission meetings held in a calendar year shall automatically forfeit the office. Any member who is absent, without being excused, from three (3) consecutive meetings shall automatically forfeit the office. It shall be the duty of the chair of the commission to promptly notify city council of the vacancy.

Section 2-294. Duties and responsibilities.

The commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) To advise city staff in the preparation of an annual Climate Adaptation and Action Plan (CAAP) 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.

Secs. 2-295 – 2-300. Reserved.

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

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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