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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 178-25

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.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 2-303. Members; terms.

(a) The food council shall be composed of ~~nine (9)~~ eleven (11) members. Nine (9) members shall be, appointed by the city council. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Boone County commission. 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 by the city council, 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. Upon initial appointment by the Boone County commission, one (1) member shall serve a term of two (2) years, and one (1) member shall serve a term 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)~~ six (6) 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 county commission or the city council through the city clerk of any such vacancy.

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

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor