



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 4, 2023

Re: An ordinance authorizing the establishment of a Food Council and amending Chapter 2 of the City Code

Executive Summary

An ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article V of the Columbia Code of Ordinance and establishing a Food Council to advise the City Council in matters pertaining to equitable and sustainable food systems and to fulfill the requirements of the Missouri Foundation for Health Opportunity Fund contract

Discussion

The formation of the Food Council (FC) sets the foundation for fulfilling the requirements of the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) Opportunity Fund contract. The FC will consist of nine (9) members with an interest in equitable food systems and policies. The purpose of FC is 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.

Staff support for the FC will be provided by Public Health and Human Services (PHHS). The MFH Opportunity Fund contract covers the personnel costs of a .75 FTE Public Health Planner who will oversee the functions of the FC, as well as a comprehensive Community Food System Assessment and the creation of a FC 5-year strategic plan.

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



City of Columbia

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Legislative History

Date	Action
12/04/2023	Initial request

Suggested Council Action

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