

**ORDINANCE NO. 7077**

**ORDINANCE CREATING CHAPTER 2.06 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY”.**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Chapter 2.06 entitled “Advisory Commission on Sustainability”, is hereby created to read as follows:

**Chapter 2.06**

**ADVISORY COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

**Sections:**

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**2.06.010 Declaration of public policy.** The City Council finds that the needs of the present should be met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. To that end, the protection, stewardship, improvement, and promotion of the environment is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the Eau Claire community for present and future generations.

**2.06.015 Definitions.** In this chapter: A. “City manager” means the city manager or the designee of the manager.

B. “Commission” means the Advisory Commission on Sustainability.

C. “Sustainability Chapter” means the Sustainability Chapter of the City of Eau Claire’s Comprehensive Plan, as adopted and amended from time to time.

D. “Sustainable” means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**2.06.020 Creation and purpose.** The Advisory Commission on Sustainability is hereby created to:

A. Advise the city council and city manager on practices, plans and policy matters related to becoming a more sustainable community.

B. Raise community awareness, understanding, and appreciation of matters related to sustainability and sustainable development.

C. Collaborate with residents, businesses, community organizations, educational institutions, area governmental bodies, and others in achieving improved sustainable practices and policies in the community.

**2.06.030 Commission governance.** A. The commission shall consist of nine members, eight of whom shall be appointed pursuant to subsection 2.04.050 A. for staggered 3-year terms commencing on the third Tuesday of May. One shall be a member of the city council appointed pursuant to subsection 2.04.050 B. for a term of one year, commencing on the third Tuesday of April.

B. The members of the commission shall be selected from among community members having a demonstrated interest in environmental stewardship; sustainable business practices, development or technology; green building and design; renewable energy; energy efficient transportation; and recycling and waste management. To the extent possible, members appointed shall represent a diverse range of interest and expertise in sustainability, economic backgrounds and interests, and ethnic and cultural affiliations, including educators and students in the aforementioned fields.

C. In making initial commission appointments, the city council shall stagger the terms so that the term of the initial city council member expires in 2014; and the terms of two commissioners expire in 2014, three commissioners in 2015, and three commissioners in 2016. Subsequent appointments shall be made pursuant to subsection A. above.

D. Except for the city council member, appointments of all members shall continue until their successors are appointed and qualified.

E. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the residue of the unexpired term.

F. Unless otherwise provided by city ordinance, the commission may adopt bylaws covering rules and procedure. In the absence thereof, the commission shall abide by such rules of order and procedure customarily used by other city committees and commissions.

**2.06.035 Officers.** At the first meeting of the commission after initial appointments have been made, the commission shall elect from its membership a chairperson, vice-chairperson and such other officers as may be designated by the commission for terms expiring on the third Tuesday of May 2014. Thereafter said officers shall be elected for one year terms expiring on the third Tuesday of May annually.

**2.06.040 Duties and responsibilities.** The commission shall be accountable to the city council for the following program advice, duties and responsibilities:

A. Promote community wide awareness of sustainability through educational campaigns and other initiatives;

B. Provide a forum for addressing public concerns related to sustainable policies and practices.

C. Prepare an annual commission work plan to carry out specific projects within the scope of this chapter.

D. Provide advice to the city council which reflects community values on sustainable policy and practices relative to the community's sustainable environment, including natural resources, energy, food, waste, hazardous materials, and pollution.

E. Advise the city council and city manager on maintaining alignment with the various city goals and commitments relative to sustainable policies and practices.

F. Review and provide recommendations to the city council on the Sustainability Chapter and its implementation plan, the Wisconsin Green Tier Legacy Community program's sustainability strategies, and other such plans authorized by the council.

G. Work on such other sustainability-related projects as directed by the city council or the city manager.

**2.06.050 Meetings and agendas.** A. The commission shall hold regular meetings not less than quarterly each year, and may hold special meetings at the call of the chair, any three commissioners, or the city council. All such meetings are subject to the provisions of ss. 19.83 through 19.85, Wis. Stats., the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

B. Pursuant to s. 19.84 (1), Wis. Stats., the commission chairperson or the designee of the chairperson shall prepare an agenda for all meetings of the commission in consultation with the city manager. An item may be placed on the agenda by the chair, the city manager, or any two members of the commission.

**2.06.065 Staffing.** The city manager shall appoint a staff designee and such other staff deemed necessary to assist the commission.

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