

RESOLUTION NO. 4625

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND RESCINDING CITY RESOLUTION NOS. 2486 AND 2980.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is aware of the importance of environmental issues to the quality of life in Overland Park, and

WHEREAS, in 1991, upon the recommendation of the Recycling Task Force, the Governing Body concluded that a citizens' committee providing advice and information on environmental affairs would be of benefit to the Community Development Committee and the City Council in their consideration of such matters, and accordingly, the Governing Body adopted City Resolution No. 2486 formally establishing the Citizen Advisory Council on Environmental Issues, and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Governing Body adopted City Resolution 2980 which formally changed the name of the Citizens Advisory Council on Environmental Issues to the Environmental Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body now finds it appropriate to update and revise the provisions establishing the Environmental Advisory Council as set forth hereinbelow.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That the Environmental Advisory Council is hereby established by the Governing Body.

SECTION 2. The Environmental Advisory Council shall consist of 15 members appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council. The term of office will be 3 years. The Environmental Advisory Council shall represent the diversity of interests that are reflected in environmental issues, with balanced representation for consumers, industries, utilities, and businesses, but no specific amount of representation shall be required for any interest group. A maximum of one-third of the members may be non-residents of the City but shall otherwise have a demonstrated interest or involvement in the Overland Park community.

In addition to the above-described membership, the Mayor with the consent of the City Council shall further appoint one member from the City Council to serve as an ex officio member of the Environmental Advisory Council for a term of 3 years.

Members shall remain in office until their successor takes office. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

SECTION 3. Members must attend at least 75% of the regularly scheduled meetings unless they have an excused absence, or they will be subject to removal.

SECTION 4. The officers of the Environmental Advisory Council shall include a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary. The City Manager shall assign a staff coordinator who shall be responsible for assisting the Chair with the duties necessary to support the business of the Environmental Advisory Council.

SECTION 5. The Environmental Advisory Council shall adopt by-laws to govern its organization and operation, and shall adhere to the Governing Body's Rules, Procedures and Protocol for Subordinate Bodies and Other Plural Authorities of the City.

SECTION 6. There shall be meetings of the Environmental Advisory Council on at least a quarterly basis.

SECTION 7. The Environmental Advisory Council is charged with the mission to:

- A. Study environmental issues as they pertain to the City of Overland Park, as well as other cities' experiences, successes, and failures in dealing with these issues,
- B. Advise the City Council and the Community Development Committee on issues of concern to the Overland Park community and suggest action options.
- C. Support and promote existing and new City programs in areas of solid waste management and environmental awareness, including, without being limited to, specific City efforts such as recycling events, park or stream cleanups, tree plantings, and County and Metro-wide environmental efforts.
- D. Develop additional programs, educational programs and information resources, at the City level and in cooperation with County level efforts, that are beneficial to individual citizens and to the business community with respect to environmental issues.

SECTION 8. City Resolution Nos. 2486 and 2980 are hereby rescinded.

ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2020.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

CITY OF OVERLAND PARK, KANSAS

(SEAL)

Carl Gerlach, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Elizabeth Kelley
City Clerk

(s) Stephen B. Horner
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Senior Assistant City Attorney