

INTRODUCED: March 28, 2016

AN ORDINANCE No. 2016-114

To amend and reordain City Code § 2-1146, concerning the Green City Commission, for the purpose of modifying the composition of the Commission.

Patron – Vice President Hilbert

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 9 2016 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That section 2-1146 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

DIVISION 16.

GREEN CITY COMMISSION

Sec. 2-1146. Green City Commission.

(a) *Established.* There is hereby created and established a Green City Commission for the purpose of providing expertise and information to support the sustainability efforts of the City of Richmond.

(b) *Composition; terms of office.* The Commission shall consist of nine members. The Council shall appoint seven members, one of whom must have expertise in urban forestry.

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ADOPTED: MAY 9 2016 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

The Mayor shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be ~~[the director of a department of the City]~~ a City employee in the Department of Public Works or ~~[such director's]~~ the designee thereof. Of the remaining members, one member shall be selected from each of the following fields:

- (1) Sustainability.
- (2) Green building practices.
- (3) Energy efficiency.
- (4) Environmental protection.

The members of the Commission shall serve for terms of three years and shall be limited to two consecutive terms. ~~[The members of the Commission shall represent a range of expertise necessary to fulfill the purpose and duties of the Commission. Of the seven members appointed by the Council, one member shall have demonstrated knowledge of and experience with green business and job programs; one member shall have demonstrated knowledge of and experience with energy efficiency and conservation practices and life cycle cost analysis; one member shall have demonstrated knowledge of and experience with green high performance building standards and technology; one member shall have demonstrated knowledge of and experience with green affordable housing; one member shall have demonstrated knowledge of and experience with green infrastructure; one member shall have demonstrated knowledge and experience with renewable energy and renewable portfolio standards; and one member shall have demonstrated knowledge of and experience with alternative transportation and alternative fuels.]~~ At least four of the Council appointees shall reside in the city or have such appointee's principal place of employment in the city in accordance with section 2-756 of this Code. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-756 of this Code to the contrary, the remaining Council appointees and

the Mayor's appointee [~~who is not a department director~~] other than the Director of Public Works or the designee thereof shall not be subject to any requirement that they maintain a residence or a principal place of employment in the city. Upon the expiration of a term of office, the member holding that office may continue to serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided in this subsection. All other aspects of the Commission and its membership not addressed in this division shall be governed by Article V, Division 1 of the Chapter.

(c) *Responsibilities and duties.* The Commission shall fulfill the following responsibilities and duties:

(1) Provide expertise and information to the City to support the sustainability efforts of the City.

(2) Consult with the state government and other local governments with regard to such governments' sustainability efforts and methods.

(3) Recommend changes to the Code of the City of Richmond (including the City's zoning regulations and building codes), the Code of Virginia and other laws as necessary to implement sustainable methods in the city of Richmond.

(4) Encourage the adoption of sustainable business and building approaches by the private sector.

(5) Work with the Department of Public Works to preserve trees and plant life in the city.

(6) Prepare and submit an annual report to the Council by December 31 of each year.

(d) *Rules of procedure.* The Commission may adopt rules of procedure or by-laws not inconsistent with this division to govern the conduct of its meetings and operations. The

Commission may elect a chairman and such other officers in accordance with the Commission's rules of procedure or by-laws.

(e) *Meetings.* The Commission shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly and other meetings as needed.

(f) *Administrative support.* The Commission shall have as its staff the Council Chief of Staff and such other staff as the Chief of Staff may identify. The Council Chief of Staff shall coordinate with the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Clerk as needed to furnish the Commission with such other staff and resources as may be necessary to assist the Commission in discharging the duties imposed on the Commission by this division.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

C. Hilbert

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Government Operations

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron request that amendments to the ordinances establishing the Green City Commission be drafted for City Council's consideration that amends the City Code regarding the Green City Commission.

The patron proposes that the Commission have 9 members (7 appointed by Council and 2 appointed by the City Administration). One of the Council's appointees must have expertise in urban forestry. One of Administration's appointees must represent the Department of Public Works. All other appointees must have expertise in the fields of sustainability, green building practices, and energy efficiency, and protecting the environment.

The Commission's responsibilities will include: 1) providing information on sustainability; 2) recommending changes to law and policy that promote sustainability; 3) consulting with other governmental entities to advance sustainability; 4) encourage sustainability by the private sector in the City; 5) working with the DPW to preserve trees and greenery in the City.

BACKGROUND

The City's City Green City Commission exists to help the City maintain sustainable practices and promote green policies in the City. For some time now the City has also had an Urban Forestry Commission. This legislation will begin streamline the City's efforts to improve the environment while continuing to develop policies and practical efforts to promote urban forestry.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Attachment/s Yes No