

CHAPTER 47

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS COMMISSION ORDINANCE

47.01 ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established an Environmental Awareness Commission for the City of Lapeer which shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Commission and City Manager. The official title shall be the City of Lapeer Environmental Awareness Commission and shall be hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

47.02 MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall be composed of seven members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Commission. One member shall be a representative of the City administration. The Commission members shall serve without compensation.

47.03 CHAIRPERSON

The City administration representative shall serve as the Chairperson of the Commission.

47.04 TERM

The term of office of the members of the Commission shall be three years, except that for members first appointed, two shall be appointed for one year, two for two years and three for three years. Members of the Commission may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the City Commission. Cause shall include failure to attend three successive regularly scheduled meetings or failure to attend at least 75% of the meetings in any calendar year. Vacancies occurring prior to the end of the scheduled term shall be filled by Mayoral appointment, subject to confirmation by the City Commission, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

47.05 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

A member of the Commission having a direct interest in any matter before the Commission shall disclose such interest prior to the Commission taking any action with respect to that matter, and such member shall abstain from voting on any motion or resolution pertaining to such matter.

47.06 OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

Consistent with the Michigan Constitutional provision which sets forth this State's commitment to preserve the quality of the environment, this Commission is created to assist the City Commission and City administration in achieving the broad goal of protecting the air, water, land, and other resources of this City from pollution, impairment, degradation and destruction. The Commission may employ such methods as may be reasonably appropriate to accomplish this goal, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Educational activities aimed at increasing public awareness of the effect the environment has on

the health, safety and welfare of the people.

2. Promotional activities to encourage builders, developers, and all residents to consider ways to minimize adverse environmental impact of present or proposed land uses.
3. Determine whether it would be advisable to require new or expanding industry to prepare and submit an Environmental Impact Statement and, if so, recommend an appropriate format for such statements.
4. Ascertain and monitor the overall quality of the environment in the City of Lapeer, including the condition of air, water, land and other resources.
5. Develop and recommend to the City Commission and City administration policies and/or ordinances designed to maintain a high standard of environmental quality in the City and surrounding areas.
6. Monitor industrial compliance with water, air and land resource and pollution ordinances and regulations.
7. Promote recycling, energy conservation and other solid waste management programs.
8. Promote the protection and preservation of adequate open space, wetlands, flood plains and natural wildlife within Lapeer.

47.07 BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Commission shall annually prepare and present for consideration by the City Commission an estimate of the costs and expenses necessary to carry on the work of the Commission. The City Commission may also accept contributions and donations to the City of Lapeer which are specifically designated for use by this Commission.

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