

ORDINANCE NO. 057-2021

AMENDING THE MAUMEE REVISED CODE RELATIVE TO CREATION OF
CHAPTER 189 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City of Maumee desires to create an Environmental Commission for the purposes of;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Maumee, Ohio, that:

That Maumee Codified Ordinances shall be amended to include the creation of Chapter 189 Environmental Commission; that said Chapter shall read as follows:

**CHAPTER 189
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

189.01 Intent and Purpose.

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189.01 - Intent and Purpose.

The establishment of the Environmental Commission is to develop comprehensive, integrated environmental policies for implementation by the city to protect and enhance our air, water, land, and public health. It shall help to set goals and policies for the city and community to continuously improve the natural and built environment. The commission will only act as an advisory group, and does not have any regulatory authority. It shall not involve itself in individual site development reviews unless its opinion is requested by the Mayor, City Council, and/or the City Administrator. The City Council also hereby establishes the position of Environmental Sustainability Manager which shall report directly to the City Administrator.

189.02 - Membership.

- a. The Environmental Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, eight (8) of which shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council, who shall be residents of the City. Two City Council members shall be voting members and shall serve as co-chairpersons of the Commission during their tenure. The City Administrator shall also serve as a permanent, voting member of the Commission. All members shall serve without compensation. In making appointments of members of the Environmental Commission, the Mayor shall recommend, and City Council shall confirm, persons who, insofar as possible, have experience and/or an interest in protecting and enhancing the well-being of the environment and public health of the community.
- b. Initially, the terms of office of the first Environmental Commission members appointed hereunder shall be fixed by the Mayor and City Council so that the terms of two (2) private citizen members will be for 1 year, two (2) private citizen members will be for 2 years, and two (2) private citizen members will serve three 3 years. Each of the two City Council Members on the Commission shall

serve 3-year terms. After the initial Commission is formed, all members thereafter will be appointed for 3-year terms.

189.03 – Commission Rules. The Environmental Commission shall be co-chaired by the two serving City Council Members. The Commission may establish rules of procedure for the conduct of the business of the Commission and shall hold at least two (2) meetings per year.

189.04 - Responsibilities and duties as to Environmental Commission.

The Environmental Commission shall have the following advisory responsibilities if requested by a super majority of the City Council or the City Administrator:

- a. To advise and make recommendations to the City Council and /or City Administrator, regarding environmental policy, environmental issues.
- b. To advise the City Council and City Administrator on all solid waste policy in the City of Maumee.
- c. To advise the City Council and City Administrator regarding environmental aspects of alternative transportation issues, alternative fuel vehicles, bicycling improvements, and Clean City Program initiatives.
- d. To advise the City Council and City Administrator on environmental risk and pollution control issues, including community right-to-know, air and water pollution, and indoor air quality.
- e. To advise the City Council and City Administrator on all matters related to sustainable development, clean production, and environmental technologies.
- f. To advise the City Council and City Administrator concerning effective advocacy for the city in regional, state, and federal environmental matters.
- g. To advise the City Council and City Administrator on enhancing the awareness, understanding, commitment, and active involvement of local citizens in ensuring wise stewardship of the city's natural resources, now and in the future, through education, volunteerism, public/private partnerships, and incentive programs.
- h. To coordinate and collaborate with commissions in other jurisdictions and other environmental organizations to address regional and state environmental matters to the extent such coordination and collaboration does not conflict with the interests of the City of Maumee.
- i. To hold informational forums and public meetings on environmental issues and concerns.

189.05 - Conservation budget activity established.

- a. *Establishment of budget activity.* There is further hereby established a "Conservation Fund" which may be appropriated each year by the City Council. All such monies as are appropriated to the conservation budget activity may be expended for such activities, from time to time, to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission. Provided, however, that any unexpended or un-appropriated balance in the conservation budget activity may, from time to time, be re-

appropriated by the City Council for any such other public purposes as permitted by law which the City Council shall deem necessary or proper.

- b. *Private funding.* All funds raised through private donations shall be placed into the Conservation Fund and shall be expended for only activities as outlined in this ordinance.

189.06 - Other sources of funding for conservation.

The City may accept monetary gifts, grants, donations, or awards for the purposes of carrying out the responsibilities of the Environmental Commission into the conservation fund. The Environmental Commission may work with nonprofit or other organizations to raise funds for projects and activities as approved by a super majority of the City Council. Crowd-funding, and other fundraising mechanisms may be used to solicit donations.

189.07 - Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this chapter is for any reason held to be invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter.

Passed: December 6, 2021.