

ORDINANCE NO. 032-2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 184, ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE MAUMEE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND ORDINANCE 057-2021, CREATING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, The City of Maumee has an Environmental Commission which was previously established;

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission duties should be expanded to add the duties of the former Maumee Tree Commission;

WHEREAS, Council has reviewed and approves the recommended changes to the Environmental Commission as set forth herein which includes expanding its duties, membership and renaming of the Environmental Commission to that of the Environmental and Tree Advisory Commission;

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 184 of the Maumee Codified Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 184
Environmental **and Tree Advisory** Commission

184.01 Intent and purpose.

184.02 Membership.

184.03 Commission rules.

184.04 Responsibilities and duties as to Environmental **and Tree Advisory** Commission.

184.05 Conservation budget activity established.

184.06 Other sources of funding for conservation.

184.07 Severability.

184.01 INTENT AND PURPOSE.

The establishment of the Environmental **and Tree Advisory** Commission is to develop comprehensive, integrated environmental policies for implementation by the City to protect and enhance our air, water, land, **trees**, and public health. It shall help to set goals and policies for the City and community to continuously improve the **tree canopy; all matters relative to care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal and disposition of trees and shrubs in public areas including parks and streets; improvement of the natural and built environment; education of the public; and any other environmental related issues in the City of Maumee.** The commission will only act as an advisory group, and does not have any regulatory authority. **The Commission may develop a written plan for such purposes set forth herein, which plan may be adopted either as rules and regulations or as an ordinance by Council, or both.** 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.

184.02 MEMBERSHIP.

(a) The Environmental Commission shall consist of **twelve (12) ~~nine (9)~~** members. **Eleven (11) ~~eight (8)~~ of which members**, shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by City Council, who shall be residents of the City **and two (2) of whom shall be City Council members.** The two (2) 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, **non**-voting member of the Commission, **but shall have a vote in the event of a tie**. 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 one (1) year, two (2) private citizen members will be for two (2) years, and two (2) private citizen members will serve three (3) years. Each of the two (2) City Council Members on the Commission shall serve three (3)-year terms. After the initial Commission is formed, all members thereafter will be appointed for three (3)-year terms.

184.03 COMMISSION RULES.

The Environmental Commission shall be co-chaired by the two (2) 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 **six (6)** ~~two (2)~~ meetings per year.

184.04 RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES AS TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION.

The Environmental **and Tree Advisory** 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 **as approve by City Council**.

(j) To advise City Council and the City Administrator on matters relative to care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal and disposition of trees and shrubs in public area including but not limited to public property, parks and streets.

184.05 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.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Clerk of Council of the Municipality of Maumee, Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance/Resolution No. 032-2023 was duly posted on 9-6-2023 and remained posted for a period of fifteen days thereafter, in not less than five of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of said Municipality.

Jon L. Redick
Clerk of Council

Date: Sept 21, 2023