

BILL NO. 7159

ORDINANCE NO. 7017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE CLAYTON CITY CODE RELATING TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY EQUITY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Clayton has prioritized standard composition and terms for boards and commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes is in the best interests of the City and its residents to make adjustments to the enabling Ordinances for the Sustainability Committee and Community Equity Commission to align with other boards and commissions of the City as hereinafter provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sections 140.040 and 140.050 of Chapter 140 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Clayton, Missouri, are hereby repealed and new Sections 140.040 and 140.050 are hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

Chapter 140. Boards, Commissions, Councils and Committees

Section 140.040 Sustainability Committee

A. There is hereby established the Sustainability Committee of the City of Clayton.

B. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom resides in the City of Clayton, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. In addition, two (2) Councilmembers appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council on an annual basis, may serve as non-voting liaisons to the Committee. At their discretion, the City Council may add additional ex-officio (non-voting) positions as it deems necessary. While member representation from each Ward is preferred, equal representation shall not be required when appointments are made. Members shall serve without remuneration.

C. Members (including ex officio members) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Members shall be limited to three (3) consecutive full terms. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the unexpired term of the vacating member. The terms of all members shall expire on June 30th of the appropriate year and until a successor is appointed.

D. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council to serve for a term of one (1) year, commencing on August 1. Meetings of the Committee shall be held quarterly at the call of the Chairperson and at such other times as the Committee or City Council may determine. A quorum of the Committee to do business shall consist of four of the seven regular members of the Committee without regard to the number of ex officio members who may be appointed from time to time. The Committee shall keep minutes of all meetings, showing the vote of each member upon each question or, if absent or failing to

vote, indicating such fact and shall keep records of its official actions. In addition, the Committee shall present a report to the City Council at least annually.

E. The role of the Committee shall be to advise the Mayor, City Council and City Manager with respect to the development and support of ecologically sound and sustainable programs and practices within Clayton's municipal government, the Clayton community and the metropolitan St. Louis region.

F. The City Manager or the Manager's designee shall serve as the staff liaison to the Committee.

Section 140.050 Community Equity Commission.

A. There is hereby established the Community Equity Commission of the City of Clayton.

B. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom resides in the City of Clayton, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council. In addition, two (2) Councilmembers appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council on an annual basis, may serve as non-voting liaisons to the Commission. At their discretion, the City Council may add additional ex-officio (non-voting) positions as it deems necessary. While member representation from each Ward is preferred, equal representation shall not be required when appointments are made. Members shall serve without remuneration.

C. Members (including ex officio members) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Members shall be limited to three (3) consecutive full terms. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the unexpired term of the vacating member. The terms of all members shall expire on June 30th of the appropriate year and until a successor is appointed.

D. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council to serve for a term of one (1) year, commencing on August 1. Meetings of the Commission shall be held quarterly at the call of the Chairperson and at such other times as the Commission or City Council may determine. A quorum of the Commission to do business shall consist of four of the seven regular members of the Commission without regard to the number ex officio members who may be appointed from time to time. The Commission shall keep minutes of all meetings, showing the vote of each member upon each question or, if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact and shall keep records of its official actions. In addition, the Commission shall present a report to the City Council at least annually.

E. The Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on ways to:

1. Promote community awareness and education on the value of diversity to the community;
2. Promote equity on the basis of economic status, race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, marital status, lawful source of income, physical or mental disability, familial status, sexual orientation, and gender identity;
3. Evaluate and develop actionable equity recommendations to be used to examine and strengthen policies, practices, services and programs, which will establish the Commission as a community resource and regional leader;
4. Promote responsiveness of government to concerns of people that may be subject to bias or discrimination in the community; and

5. Encourage the creation and continuation of community equity, diversity and inclusion awareness efforts, programs, and activities that are available and accessible to all community members.

F. The City Manager or their designee shall serve as staff liaison to the Commission. If the Commission receives complaints of alleged discrimination occurring within the City the Commission shall forward the complaint to the City Manager who may refer the complainant to one (1) or more State or Federal agencies empowered to investigate and remedy such matters.

Section 2. The Chapter, Article, Division and/or Section assignments designated in this Ordinance may be revised and altered in the process of recodifying or servicing the City's Code of Ordinances upon supplementation of such code if, in the discretion of the editor, an alternative designation would be more reasonable. In adjusting such designations, the editor may also change other designations and numerical assignment of code sections to accommodate such changes.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the City Council intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council.

Passed and approved this 9th day of June 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk