

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-14

**CITY OF ROYAL OAK,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES

An Ordinance to amend the 2008 Ordinance Adopting the Royal Oak Code of Ordinances, codifying and adopting a new Code of the City of Royal Oak to amend: Part I: Administrative Legislation; Chapter 64 Environmental Advisory Board; Section 64-2 Statement of purpose; Section 64-5 Membership; Section 64-7 Powers and duties and Section 64-8 Organization; meetings; records, to update and modify the city's Environmental Advisory Board regulations, and to amend the membership of the board, and to amend the number of meetings of the board.

THE CITY OF ROYAL OAK ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment.

That Section 64-2 Statement of purpose; Section 64-5 Membership; Section 64-7 Powers and duties and Section 64-8 Organization; meetings; records, of Chapter 64 Environmental Advisory Board of Part I: Administrative Legislation, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Royal Oak, Michigan, are hereby amended, to read as follows:

§ 64-1. Title.

This chapter shall be known as and may be cited as the "Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board Ordinance."

§ 64-2. Statement of purpose.

This is a chapter to establish the Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board. The purpose of the Environmental Advisory Board shall be to advise and assist the environmental sustainability efforts of all City staff, boards, commissions and community members. The Environmental Advisory Board shall make recommendations to the City Commission on all issues concerning City environmental sustainability efforts.

§ 64-3. Definitions.

For the purpose of the provisions of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall be construed to have the meanings herein set forth, unless it is apparent from the context that a different meaning is intended:

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

Any policies, programs, projects, initiatives, or events related to the energy waste reduction, climate, air quality, water, waste, resilience, and/or other sustainability issues that improve quality of life and protect the environment.

§ 64-4. Creation.

In order to encourage and support environmental sustainability efforts in the City of Royal Oak, there is hereby created the Environmental Advisory Board.

§ 64-5. Membership.

The Board shall consist of 11 voting members who have experience or interest in environmental sustainability efforts. One of the 11 voting members shall be a member of the City Commission. Additional student members of the board may be appointed by the city commission per Chapter 12. The Department of Public Service and Recreation Director or their designee and the Sustainability Manager shall serve

as an ex officio nonvoting members of the Board. All voting Board members shall be residents of the City.

§ 64-6. Terms of appointment.

Board members shall be appointed by the City Commission for terms of three years. The initial Board shall be made up of those serving on the existing Environmental Advisory Committee as of the effective date of this chapter, with members' original appointment terms intact. Members of the Board shall be eligible for reappointment. Term limits, appointments, reappointments, appointment terminations, and vacancy rules are subject to applicable ordinance provisions. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the City Commission.

§ 64-7. Powers and duties.

- A. It shall be the duty of the Board to advise and assist on environmental policies, programs, projects, initiatives, and events that help fulfill established sustainability goals of the City Commission.
- B. It shall be the duty of the Board to assist staff in developing and implementing the sustainability plan and associated action goals that serve to progress the strategy for supporting environmental sustainability efforts in the City of Royal Oak. It shall be the duty of the Board to assist staff in developing an annual report that includes updates and reports progress on any previously established goals. In December of each year, the report shall be submitted to the City Commission for approval.
- C. The Board shall have the authority to raise funds for environmental sustainability efforts through the application of grants, private sponsorships, donations, and other fund-raising strategies, including the authority to interact with donors on behalf of the City of Royal Oak. Funds raised and held by the Board are public funds and shall be reserved for the purposes of this chapter.
- D. The Board shall promote the public awareness of environmental sustainability policies, programs, projects, initiatives, and events in Royal Oak.
- E. The Board shall work with local, state, and national organizations, nonprofits, and businesses to encourage and support environmental sustainability efforts in Royal Oak.

§ 64-8. Organization; meetings; records.

- A. The Board shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and any other officers deemed necessary at the beginning of the first meeting of each year. The Chair shall preside over meetings and will serve as a voting member of the Board. The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Board.
- B. At least seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the approval of motions and transaction of its business. An affirmative vote requires at least 51% of the quorum voting in favor. The Board shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business which shall provide for the time and place of holding meetings.
- C. The Board shall meet on days and times to be established by the Board.
- D. The business that the Board or subcommittees of the Board may perform shall be conducted in compliance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act.

SECTION 2. Repealer.

All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

SECTION 4. Savings.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This ordinance as ordered shall take effect ten (10) days after its adoption after having been published within 7 days after passage.

SECTION 6. Inspection.

A copy of this ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the city clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on regular business days and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Michael Fournier, Mayor

Melanie Halas, City Clerk

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