

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
OF THE  
CITY OF HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION;

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Hattiesburg acknowledges the importance of the many sustainability issues and desires to establish a Sustainability Commission in the effort to improve the standard of living for Hattiesburg citizens by improving the resiliency and quality of local environmental conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Hattiesburg do hereby establish the Hattiesburg Sustainability Commission.

**SECTION 1. Purpose**

- A. The Commission will act as an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council advising on sustainable best practices related to (but not limited to): alternative energy, green building technology, healthy living & community education, transportation & mobility, water resources, economic development, green infrastructure, and recycling & waste management urban design.
- B. The Commission will develop and maintain a dynamic Sustainability Action Plan for the city of Hattiesburg, consisting of specific recommendations for implementation of sustainable strategies appropriate to Hattiesburg and consistent with local, state and federal guidelines and regulations. The Commission will make an effort to provide descriptions and other materials illustrating and interpreting its recommendations to the general public.
- C. The Commission meetings shall be public meetings and will provide for public presentations and comments and thereby will serve to: 1) record public concerns of the city's sustainability practices for the benefit of city policymaking, and 2) evaluate additions to the Sustainability Action Plan.

**SECTION 2. Composition and terms**

- A. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be resident citizens of the City of Hattiesburg and qualified electors therein, with due regard and passion for improving Hattiesburg's environmental footprint and having a sustainability conscience committed to making reasonable and viable recommendations. All members are to be appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the Council of the City of Hattiesburg. The initial

members of the Sustainability Commission shall be selected following the adoption of this ordinance and the terms shall be as follows, to wit:

Four members to serve terms that expire June 30, 2021

Three members to serve terms that expire June 30, 2022

from the date of appointment; thereafter, upon subsequent appointments, each appointee shall be appointed for a period of four (4) years. Vacancies shall be filled by the Mayor and ratified by the Council and appointments to fill vacancies shall be for unexpired terms only. Each member shall be eligible for reappointment. All members of the Commission shall serve without pay. The continued absence of any member of the Commission from three (3) regularly scheduled meetings without excused absence of the Commission shall be just cause for the removal of said member from the Commission by the Mayor and Council. Upon receipt of written notice from the City of Hattiesburg's Sustainability Officer to the Mayor and Council of the City of Hattiesburg, stating that a member has been absent for three (3) meetings in any one year without a written and accepted excuse, the Mayor and Council may remove the absent member from the Commission and appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

### **SECTION 3. Rules and Procedures**

To fulfill the purposes of this article and carry out the provisions contained therein:

- A. The Sustainability Officer of the City of Hattiesburg will be an ex officio member of the committee. The Commission shall annually elect from its membership a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. If neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman attends a particular meeting, the remaining members shall select an acting chairman from the members in attendance at such meeting. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Commission
- B. The Commission shall develop and adopt rules of procedure which shall govern the conduct of its business. Such rules of procedure shall be a matter of public record.
- C. The Commission shall keep minutes and records of all meetings and proceedings including voting records, attendance, resolutions, findings, determinations and decisions. All such material shall be a matter of public record.
- D. The Commission shall establish its own regular meeting time: however, the first meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days of the appointment of a full Commission and regular meetings shall be scheduled at least once every three (3) months. The meeting place of said Commission shall be the Council Chamber of the City Hall, or such other place as the meeting may be adjourned to if a need to do so arises.

**SECTION 4.** That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage as provided by law.

The above and forgoing Ordinance having been reduced to writing, was introduced by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilperson \_\_\_\_\_ and was adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

YEAS:

NAYS:

The President thereby declared the motion carried and the Ordinance adopted, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2018.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

ADOPTED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

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President

The above and forgoing Ordinance, having been submitted and approved by the Mayor, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, A.D., 2018

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor