ORDINANCE NO. 51-625


BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2.12.660 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows:

Establishment of the Wichita Sustainability Integration Board.

The Wichita Sustainability Integration Board is hereby established.

SECTION 2. Section 2.12.661 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows:

Purpose of Wichita Sustainability Integration Board.

The purpose of the Wichita Sustainability Integration Board shall be to champion environmentally sound practices fostering the city’s long-term livability and economic vitality. The Board advises the City Council and city staff on sustainability matters, and collaborates with residents, businesses and other partners to advance the city’s environmental goals, including:

A. Energy use practices that optimize financial, health and environmental benefits, including demand reduction, building and vehicle efficiency, and renewable energy options.
B. Waste and material management practices that optimize financial, health and environmental benefits, including waste reduction, recycling, composting and other initiatives.

C. Community outreach initiatives that help to educate residents and businesses on sustainability initiatives that enhance the quality of life in Wichita.

SECTION 3. Section 2.12.662 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows:

**Duties of Wichita Sustainability Integration Board.**

The duties of the Wichita Sustainability Integration Board shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Act in the interest of sustainable practices, recognizing all three aspects of sustainability, including environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic development.

2. Make advisory policy recommendations to the City Council on issues relating to the environment, efforts or programs to address environmental issues such as air quality, water quality, and resource conservation relating to the protection and integrity of the natural environment.

3. In an advisory capacity, assist and advise the City Council, any other boards and commissions, and city staff in assessing the environmental impact of proposed undertakings, including physical projects as well a policy changes, that fall in part or in total under the City’s jurisdiction and recommend changes that would lesson or eliminate the environmentally detrimental effects of such undertakings.
4. Recommend to the City Council additional environmental policy provisions and ordinances for enactment, as well as actions and programs that will maintain or improve environmental quality and conservation of natural resources.

5. Request that the City Council authorize studies on matters pertaining to environmental quality and natural resources and recommend, when necessary, the employment of professional qualified persons to carry out such studies.

6. Establish educational programs and public forums that provide information to community residents, businesses, and other institutions about environmental issues and initiatives.

7. Establish environmental programs, volunteer opportunities and initiatives in which community residents can take part.

8. Identify and pursue local, regional, state and national programs and grants in support of sustainable practices.

9. Support the implementation of the City of Wichita Comprehensive Plan and any other adopted long-range plans of the City of Wichita.

SECTION 3. Section 2.12.663 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows:

**Qualifications.**

Individuals must possess the following qualifications to be appointed to the Board:

1. Be a resident of the City of Wichita.

2. Not be employed by the City of Wichita or be the immediate family member of an employee of the City of Wichita.

3. Not be a member of or the immediate family member of the Wichita City Council.

4. Be a citizen of the United States.
SECTION 4. Section 2.12.664 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows: Membership and Term.

Membership on the Board shall consist of seven (7) residents of the City appointed by the City Council. These members should represent at least one of the following areas of expertise:

1. Business/industry.
2. Climate change and resilience.
3. Economic development.
4. Emergency management.
5. Energy use/conservation.
6. Finance.
7. Food systems.
8. Green building.
9. Local environmental issues.
10. Natural ecosystems.
11. Renewable energy.
12. Transportation.

In addition to the members appointed by the City Council, each of the following boards and commissions shall appoint a representative to the Board. Such member shall have the same duties and responsibilities of the appointed Board members, including the right to vote on matters coming before the board. These committees, boards and commissions include:

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board.
2. Board of Park Commissioners.
3. Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights Advisory Board.
4. Mayor’s Youth Council.
5. Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.
6. Stormwater Advisory Board.
7. Transit Advisory Board.

The terms of office shall be as set forth in Section 2.12.020(1) of the Code of the City of Wichita. The Director of Public Works & Utilities shall serve as a non-voting ex officio member of the Board.

SECTION 5. Section 2.12.665 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows: **Meetings and officers.**
a. The Board shall meet at least once quarterly at the times and places established by the Board. The meetings shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4317, *et seq.* The City Manager, after notice, may call additional meetings if necessary to address significant or time sensitive issues.
b. On or before July 1 of each year, the Board shall meet and organize its membership by electing a chairperson, and vice-chairperson. The terms of such offices shall be for a period not to exceed two years.
c. Notice and minutes of all meetings shall be provided to the City Clerk.
e. The Board shall abide by the Kansas Open Meetings Act, K.S.A. 75-4317 *et seq.*, and the Kansas Open Records Act, K.S.A. 45-215 *et seq.*
f. The Board shall conduct meetings, elect officers and adopt by-laws in accordance with the policies for boards and commissions.
g. The Director of Public Works & Utilities shall provide the necessary staff support to ensure that the Board receives informational support and professional and technical assistance necessary to carry on its duties and conduct its meetings.

SECTION 6. Section 2.12.666 of the Code of the City of Wichita is hereby created to read as follows: **Recommendations of the Board**

Recommendations of the Board shall be approved by majority vote of the members present and voting. The quorum required for the Board to conduct business shall be the number of members representing at least one-half of the total number of members duly appointed to the Board. The Board may adopt lawful rules, regulations, and by-laws, consistent with the provisions of this section as it deems necessary for its operation.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be included in the Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas, and shall be effective upon its passage and publication once in the official city paper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Wichita, Kansas, this 24th day of August, 2021.

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Brandon J. Whipple, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen Sublett, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Jennifer Magana, City Attorney and Director of Law