

ORDINANCE NO. 1648

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES, WASHINGTON relating to the creation of a Citizens Advisory Council and adding a new chapter to Title 4 of the Des Moines Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council to engage its citizens and neighborhoods as broadly as possible in the issues and concerns that directly affect them, and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to improve communication with and participation in local government on the part of residents, neighborhoods, business, and property owners in the City of Des Moines, and

WHEREAS, input from and participation by residents, business owners and property owners in all neighborhoods in Des Moines allows for a robust discussion of issues and matters facing the City and ultimately results in better decisions and solutions to problems, and

WHEREAS, forming a Citizens Advisory Council with each neighborhood in Des Moines represented promotes input and participation from all areas of the City and creates an environment in which residents are afforded an opportunity to participate in City government decisions in an advisory role, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that creation of a Citizens Advisory Council is appropriate and necessary; now therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1. Title. A new chapter is added to Title 4 DMMC entitled "Citizens Advisory Council".

Sec. 2. Application. This chapter shall apply to the creation and the responsibilities and activities of the Citizens Advisory Council.

Sec. 3. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish a Citizens Advisory Council to encourage and promote citizen and neighborhood involvement in the deliberations and actions of City government, to define the roles and responsibilities of the Citizens Advisory Council, to determine

eligibility to serve on the Citizens Advisory Council, and to determine the number of members of the Citizens Advisory Council and the length of their terms.

Sec. 4. Authority. This chapter is adopted pursuant to the authority set forth in chapter 4.24 DMMC and other applicable laws.

Sec. 5. Citizens Advisory Council composition.

(1) There shall be twelve regular members of the Citizens Advisory Council, one each from the City's nine neighborhood planning areas, two Des Moines business owners, and one Marina tenant.

(2) There shall be one alternate member from each of the City's neighborhood planning areas who will serve in the absence of his or her neighborhood planning area regular member, one alternate Des Moines business owner and one alternate Marina tenant.

(3) Regular members and alternate members representing neighborhood planning areas must be residents of Des Moines who have lived in their neighborhood planning area for at least one year, a business owner who has owned and operated said business in Des Moines for at least one year, or a Marina tenant for at least one year.

Sec. 6. Term.

(1) The regular term of office for members and alternates shall be two years.

(2) The initial appointment term shall be six members and six alternates for one year and six members and six alternates for two years. It shall be the Mayor's discretion who he or she shall appoint to which length of initial term. The member representing a neighborhood planning area, business, or Marina tenants and the alternate representing that same neighborhood planning area, businesses or Marina tenants do not necessarily have to have the same length of initial term.

Sec. 7. Scope of duties.

(1) Review and provide input to the City Council on matters and issues as delegated by the City Council.

(2) Support and promote citizen participation and neighborhood enhancement.

(3) Promote and facilitate open communication between the City, residents, businesses, and other neighborhood organizations such as Homeowner Associations, Block Watches, etc.

(4) Review the City's budget and provide input to the City Council.

(5) Provide input to the City Council in advance of its annual planning/goal setting retreat.

(6) Bring matters and issues to the City Council that the Citizens Advisory Council believes require City Council attention.

Sec. 8. Meetings. The Citizens Advisory Council shall meet at least three times per year, including one meeting to discuss the City's budget and once to create input for the City Council to consider in advance of its annual planning/goal setting retreat. The Citizens Advisory Council shall also meet as needed to discuss issues and matters delegated to it by the City Council.

Sec. 9. Reports to the City Council. The Citizens Advisory Council shall provide the City Council a report at a City Council meeting of its discussions within one month of each of its three regular meetings. Reports on issues and matters delegated by the City Council shall be provided in time frames as directed by the City Council.

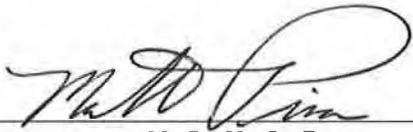
Sec.10. Severability - Construction.

(1) If a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

(2) If the provisions of this Ordinance are found to be inconsistent with other provisions of the Des Moines Municipal Code, this Ordinance is deemed to control.

Sec. 11. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force thirty (30) days after its final passage by the Des Moines City Council in accordance with law.

PASSED BY the City Council of the City of Des Moines this 28th day of April, 2016 and signed in authentication thereof this 28th day of April, 2016.


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Assistant City Attorney

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE
SUMMARY OF ADOPTED ORDINANCE
CITY OF DES MOINES

ORDINANCE NO. 1648, Adopted April 28, 2016.

DESCRIPTION OF MAIN POINTS OF THE ORDINANCE:

This Ordinance relates to the creation of a Citizens Advisory Council and adds a new chapter to Title 4 of the Des Moines Municipal Code.

The full text of the Ordinance will be mailed without cost upon request.

Bonnie Wilkins, CMC
City Clerk

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