

ORDINANCE NO.

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 5-2021

January 20 - 2021

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the Environmental Advisory Council to change to appointment process to comply with the Home Rule Charter – appointments shall be made by the Mayor with advice and consent of Council.

.BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE:

ARTICLE 177 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

177.01 Purpose

177.02 Establishment; Composition

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177.04 Powers and Duties

177.05 Annual Report

Created by Ordinance 14566 on February 8, 2008, 14802 §1 6/25/2010 allowed the Council to elect their chair; 14907 7/22/2011 provided for a report to be submitted to Council no later than the second meeting in March.

177.01 PURPOSE

Allentown City Council and the Administration of the City of Allentown deem it to be in the best interest and the general welfare of the citizens and residents of the City of Allentown to be advised as to environmental issues within the City of Allentown; to encourage sustainable design and the use of renewable energies, the protection and preservation of natural resources within the City of Allentown and maintaining possible uses of open land in the City of Allentown; and creating inventories of natural areas with unique features within the City of Allentown. (14566 2/8/2008)

177.02 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION

The Environmental Advisory Council shall be composed of seven (7) residents of this City; ~~two (2) of whom shall be appointed by Council.~~

1) ~~Five (5)~~ Seven (7) Council members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of City Council.

- 2) Council members' terms of office shall expire on the first Monday in January following the last year of their term in office.
- 3) Duly appointed Council members shall serve a term of three (3) years, except that initial appointments shall be so staggered that the terms of approximately one-third of the membership shall expire each year;
- 4) A member of the Allentown Planning Commission is to be a liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council. The Planning Commission member, as liaison, is to be in a non-voting capacity with the Environmental Advisory Council, and the liaison to the Environmental Advisory Council is to be selected by the Chairperson of the Allentown Planning Commission. (14566 2/8/2008)

177.03 CHAIRMAN; COMPENSATION

The Chairperson of the Council shall be elected by the Environmental Advisory Council at their first meeting held in each calendar year. Environmental Advisory Council members shall receive no compensation for their services.

The Environmental Advisory Council is to be advisory to and shall coordinate its activities with the elected officials, Planning Commission and other such local governmental agencies. (14566 2/8/2008; 14802 §1 6/25/2010)

177.04 POWERS AND DUTIES

- 1) Identify environmental problems, research solutions, and make recommendations to Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration;
- 2) Recommend plans and programs to the appropriate agencies for the promotion and conservation of the natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the quality of the environment within the City of Allentown and its surrounding areas;
- 3) Make recommendations as to the possible use of open land areas and/or environmentally sensitive lands within the City of Allentown and its surrounding areas;
- 4) Promote community environmental programs;
- 5) Keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned, including, but not limited to, flood prone areas, swamps, and other unique natural areas;
- 6) Advise the appropriate local governmental agencies in the acquisition of property, both real and personal;
- 7) Review subdivision and land development plans as appropriate;
- 8) To assist in the creation of and maintain an environmental map of the City Of Allentown and its surrounding areas;

9) Advise Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration upon issues of energy conservation;

10) To undertake such environmental tasks as requested by Allentown City Council and City of Allentown Departments and Administration. (14566 2/8/2008)

177.05 ANNUAL REPORT

The Environmental Advisory Council shall keep records of its meetings and activities, and shall make an annual report which shall be printed in the annual municipal report (if applicable) or otherwise made known and available. Minutes of each meeting shall be forwarded to Allentown City Council and the City of Allentown Administration. The annual report shall be presented to City Council at a public meeting, no later than the second meeting in March. (14566 2/8/2008; §14907 07/20/11)

The Environmental Advisory Board shall prepare a written report of the year's activities, a (1) one year plan and long term goals and scenarios using a template provided by City Council. The report shall be given to the Mayor and shall be presented to Allentown City Council at a public meeting. (The annual report shall be presented to City Council at a public meeting, no later than the second meeting in March. (14566 2/8/2008; 14907 7/22/2011))

SECTION TWO: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

SECTION THREE: That this ordinance goes into effect 10 days after final passage.