

(passed 9-0)

ORDINANCE 05-15

**TO AMEND TITLE 2 OF THE BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED  
"ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL"  
(Adopting Section 2.12.100 entitled "Bloomington Commission on Sustainability")**

- WHEREAS, economic activity should serve the common good, be self-renewing, and build local assets and self-reliance; and,
- WHEREAS, communities are responsible for protecting and building natural assets; and,
- WHEREAS, social equity requires that all citizens have the opportunity for full participation in all activities, benefits, and decision-making of a society; and,
- WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to enhance and unify these three key community indicia of well-being – economic development, environmental health and social equity – while taking precautions not to compromise the quality of life of future generations; and,
- WHEREAS, sustainability is a key component of the City of Bloomington's Growth Policies Plan guiding principle to nurture environmental integrity; and,
- WHEREAS, communities throughout the United States have established municipal sustainability departments, boards or other entities to ensure the long-term local quality of life; and,
- WHEREAS, world scientific bodies have called for a reduction of adverse human impacts on global ecosystems – our life support system; and
- WHEREAS, the UN Conference on Environment and Development has recognized the importance of local community efforts to promote sustainability; and
- WHEREAS, local and regional sustainable initiatives will be fostered by the formation of an independent commission whose role is to increase awareness in both public and private sectors, to develop new sustainable programs and harmonize existing ones, and to help guide sustainable actions by government, citizens and businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. New Chapter. In the interest of fostering sustainable local businesses, environmental integrity and social equity, the Bloomington Municipal Code is hereby amended by inserting Section 2.12.100, which shall be known as the "Bloomington Commission on Sustainability."

**Chapter 2.12.100 Bloomington Commission on Sustainability**

**(1) Public policy and purpose.**

A sustainable community seeks to enhance the socio-environmental-economic well-being of the community while taking precautions not to compromise the quality of life of future generations. Toward that end, it reduces its use of non-renewable natural resources and its production of wastes, while at the same time improving livability. The mission of the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability is to promote sustainable socio-environmental-economic well-being of Bloomington and all its inhabitants.

**(2) General**

This Chapter is subject to the general provisions of 2.08.020 of the Bloomington Municipal Code.

**(3) Appointments.**

The Commission shall consist of twelve members, six appointed by the Mayor, and six appointed by the Common Council. One of the six Council appointments shall be a Common Council member who will serve in ex officio status. Members shall serve without compensation.

**(4) Qualifications.**

Sustainability is an interdisciplinary concept. As such, the Commission's membership shall reflect environmental, social and economic perspectives, unified by the common interest of sustainability. The Commission shall draw its members from government, business, academia, not-for-profits and neighborhood associations.

**(5) Officers.**

Officers shall be selected by vote of the Commission members annually.

**(6) Meetings.**

The Commission shall meet one time each month, every month of the year, unless it decides to cancel the meeting.

**(7) Staffing.**

The City's Assistant Director of Economic Development shall serve as staff liaison to the Commission. The liaison will research and pursue funding opportunities for sustainable development, engage in education and outreach, and identify "best practices." The City Administration shall provide general administrative support for the Commission.

**(8) Powers and Duties.**

The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To coordinate ongoing and to propose and promote new sustainability initiatives among residents, businesses, governmental, non-governmental agencies and educational organizations through education and outreach programs.

(b) To advise and make recommendations to the Bloomington Common Council, City Administration, and City Boards and Commissions on policies and programs that infuse the work of City government with an operating philosophy based on sustainability.

(c) To determine, in cooperation with other City boards and commissions, Bloomington's current and future sustainability status by developing and monitoring a set of sustainability indicators.

(d) To provide, in cooperation with other City boards and commissions, an annual "Sustainability Assessment" based on said indicators. The Assessment shall be included in an annual report and provided to the Common Council, Mayor and the public.

(e) To advise, consult and cooperate with other agencies, boards and commissions of the City of Bloomington, the State, other local governments, industries, other States, interstate or interlocal agencies, and the Federal government, and with interested persons or groups on matters of sustainability.


(f) To adopt administrative rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.

(g) To research and apply for grants or other funds or gifts from public or private agencies for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions or purposes of this chapter.

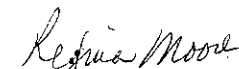
SECTION II. If any sections, sentence or provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any of the other sections, sentences, provisions, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington and approval of the Mayor.

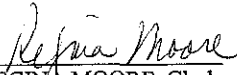
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 4th day of MAY, 2005.

  
ANDY RUFF, President  
Bloomington Common Council

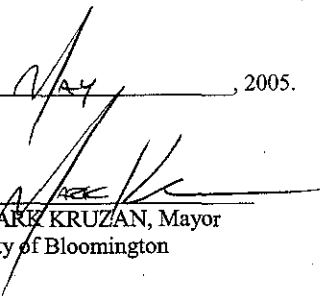
ATTEST:

  
REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this  
5<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2005.

  
REGINA MOORE, Clerk  
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 5<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2005.

  
MARK KRUZAN, Mayor  
City of Bloomington

#### SYNOPSIS

This ordinance amends Title 2 of the Bloomington Municipal Code entitled "Administration and Personnel" by adopting Section 2.12.100 entitled the "Bloomington Commission on Sustainability." The focus of this interdisciplinary Commission is to foster economic, social and environmental practices that enhance the well-being of the community without compromising the quality of life for future generations.

Note: The Common Council adopted Am 01 at the May 4, 2005 Regular Session by a vote of 9 - 0. It amended BMC 2.12.100, parts 8(a), 8(c), 8(d), and 8(e) in order to emphasize the importance of coordinating with other boards and commissions.

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