

ORDINANCE NO. 102-2024(AS), *Second
Reading*

By Councilmember Larson

An Ordinance amending Section 140.02, "Members," of Chapter 140, "Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee," of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Section 140.02, "Members" of Chapter 140, "Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights shall be and is hereby amended to read as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Current Section 140.02 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be, and is hereby, repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Notice of the passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective as an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Cleveland Heights, such emergency being the need for the efficient operation of the City. Wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of five (5) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.



TONY CUDA
President of Council

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ADDIE BALESTER
Clerk of Council

PASSED: June 17, 2024

Presented to Mayor: 06/20/2024 Vetoed by Mayor: 07/04/2024

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KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor

EXHIBIT A to ORDINANCE NO. 102-2024(AS)

Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee

140.01 ESTABLISHED

There is hereby established a Cleveland Heights Climate and Environmental Sustainability Committee (CESC). The purpose of this Committee shall be to: (i) advise the Mayor and Council on recommendations with regard to improving the environmental sustainability of City programs, services, equipment and facilities; (ii) increasing the awareness of issues of environmental sustainability with the residents and businesses located in the City; and, (iii) encouraging increased environmentally conscious activities by the residents and businesses located in the City. The CESC shall also serve as an advocate for environmental justice, and promote through education and outreach best use practices for sustainable living, business, and economic development.

140.02 MEMBERS.

(a) The Committee shall consist of eight (8) members. Seven (7) shall be appointed by City Council. The eighth member shall be the City's Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Coordinator who shall be a non-voting member and shall serve as the Committee's Co-Chair. Voting members shall be residents of Cleveland Heights with a demonstrated interest in and/or knowledge of environmental sustainability. A good faith effort shall be made to have the appointments reflect the City's goal of racial, social and geographic diversity. Each person appointed shall first have submitted an application to serve on the Committee. Any such applicant may be asked to participate in an interview with the Council prior to appointment.

(b) Members shall serve for a two (2)-year term. Terms shall expire on the last day of December 2025 and each two years thereafter.

(c) City Council, by majority vote, may remove an appointed member who misses a majority of the Committee's meetings in a calendar year and declare that member's position vacant.

(d) Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(e) No compensation shall be paid to any appointed member of the Committee for services performed.

(f) Subject to approval by the President of City Council, the Chair of the Municipal Services Committee shall serve as a non-voting liaison between Council and the Committee.

140.03 MEETINGS; CHAIRPERSONS; SECRETARY; BYLAWS.

Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held and notice given in accordance with Open Meeting requirements. The Committee shall meet at least once a quarter and shall submit an annual report to the Mayor and City Council. The Committee shall elect an

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appointed member annually to serve as a Co-chairperson along with the City's Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Coordinator. The Committee may establish its own bylaws after review and approval by the City Director of Law. The Committee may elect a Secretary to keep or cause to be kept a record of all meetings of the Committee. An audio recording may be substituted in lieu of written minutes.

140.04 STAFF.

The Mayor and City Council shall jointly determine any staffing needs for the Committee and who shall be responsible for notifying members of meetings and complying with public notice requirements.

140.05 COUNCIL LIAISON.

The role of the Council liaison is to establish an informational bridge between City Council and the Committee. The Council liaison may participate in discussions, but shall make no attempt to control the discussion or influence any vote. The Council liaison shall keep City Council informed of the Committee's activities and actions, or any recommendations that might eventually come before City Council.