

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That Chapter 1, Article IV, Section **1.413-SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth be amended as follows (deletions from existing language **stricken**; additions to existing language **bolded**; remaining language unchanged from existing):

ARTICLE IV: COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Section 1.413: SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

- A. Membership and Term: The Sustainability Committee will initially consist of a City Councilor to be designated by the Mayor, a School Board member to be designated by the School Board, one member of city staff to be designated by the City Manager, two students to be designated by the Portsmouth School District, and all the other interested community members on the Blue Ribbon Committee on Sustainable Practices. The City Councilor will serve for the duration of their two-year City Council term, the designated students from the Portsmouth School District will rotate, and the community members from the Blue Ribbon Committee on Sustainable Practices will be appointed to three-year terms. After attrition causes the number of former Blue Ribbon Committee on Sustainable Practices community members to fall under nine, the Mayor with the approval of the City Council can appoint new community members to three year staggered terms on the Sustainability Committee. Afterwards, the Sustainability Committee will have between seven and eleven community members that have a demonstrated experience in or passion for sustainability, mitigating climate change, and protecting our eco-system.
- B. Powers and Duties: The Sustainability Committee shall provide advice and guidance to the City Council, the City Manager, and City Boards with respect to:
1. Implementation of the Climate Action Plan, achieving Portsmouth's Renewable Energy Policy, and additional recommendations on increasing energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and taking measures to build resiliency against climate change.
 2. Increasing awareness of sustainable practices among residents, businesses, visitors, municipal staff, and other stakeholders to ensure that Portsmouth remains a leader as an Eco-municipality.
 3. Standing for environmental justice while protecting our eco-systems.
- C. Limitations: Nothing herein shall limit the power of the City Council or City Manager to take immediate action in the event of exigent circumstances. Nor shall anything herein limit ability of the Sustainability Committee Chair to appoint subcommittees or determine the format of how to best structure meetings.
- D. Effective Date: This ordinance will take effect on January 1, 2024.

Instructions for the Mayor: Please reappoint all current members of this committee to three-year terms. The staggering of terms will occur after attrition allows numbers to drop below 9 members or when the initial three-year terms expire.

The City Clerk shall properly alphabetize and/or re-number the ordinances as necessary in accordance with this amendment.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby deleted.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:
OCTOBER 16, 2023

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk