ORDINANCE 2016-023          PASSED: AUGUST 8, 2016

ADOPTING COMPREHENSIVE UPDATES TO CHAPTER 50 “CITIZEN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION”.

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is a home rule Illinois municipal corporation, with the power and authority granted to it under the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the Illinois Municipal Code, and the City Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb currently maintains Chapter 50 of the City Code pertaining to commissions, and wishes to adopt certain revisions to said Code; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that adoption of such revisions is in the best interests of the public, and preserves the public health, welfare, safety and morals;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of DeKalb, DeKalb County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The City of DeKalb hereby adopts the revisions to Chapter 50 as outlined in the redlined version of the same attached hereto as Exhibit A, as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. All ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with this ordinance, including the prior versions of the ordinances included above, are hereby repealed.

Section 3. Should any provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions will remain in full force and affect the same as if the invalid provision had not been a part of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after passage and publication pursuant to law. Publication date: August 9, 2016. Effective date: August 19, 2016.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeKalb, Illinois at a regular meeting thereof held on the 8th day of August, 2016, and approved by me as Mayor on the same day. First reading July 25, 2016. Passed on Second reading by an Omnibus roll call vote of 7-0-1 under the Consent agenda. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Faivre, Rey. Nay: None. Absent: Baker.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER JEEP JOHNSON, City Clerk

JOHN A. REY, Mayor
Chapter 50
CITIZEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Sections:

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50.01 ESTABLISHMENT.

There is hereby established a Citizen's Environmental Commission for the City of DeKalb. The Commission shall consist of eight (8) regular members and four (4) ex-officio members representing, respectively, the DeKalb County Health Department, the DeKalb Park District, the DeKalb Sanitary District, and Northern Illinois University. In addition, the City Manager or designee is hereby designated as the City Staff Liaison, and shall work with the Commission to carry out its duties and to facilitate and foster cooperation between the Commission and the City Staff in carrying out environmental projects and programs, which regular members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor, after consultation with the Citizens' Environmental Commission and with the advice and consent of the City Council. Ex-officio members shall be appointed by the respective organizations they represent subject to the approval of the Mayor. (94-99, 04-100)

50.02 MEMBERSHIP.

(a) Regular Members.

All terms for regular members shall be for two (2) years, commencing July 1 on the first day of the fiscal year and ending on June 30, the last day of the fiscal year. Four (4) regular members' terms shall end in odd numbered years and the other four (4) regular members' terms shall end in even numbered years. Whenever any a vacancy occurs other than by expiration of the term, the appointment, appointments shall be made by the Mayor, after consultation with the Citizens' Environmental Commission and with the advice and consent of the City Council, for the unexpired term. The City Regular members may Manager, or his designee, be re-appointed to subsequent terms. All regular members shall be ex-residents of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, except that up to two (2) persons who are not residents of the City
may be appointed to the Commission provided that they are either owners of businesses within the DeKalb corporate limits or are employed full time at locations within the DeKalb corporate limits.

(b) Ex-officio Members.

Ex-officio member of said commission. With members shall not have specific term limits but may be discharged from the Commission at any time and for any reason upon recommendation of the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council, the Mayor may appoint such ex. Ex-officio members as may be deemed appropriate from time to time do not need to be residents of the City of DeKalb.

(91-108, 91-117, 94-99, 98-73, 98-120, 04-100)

50.03 COMMISSION OFFICERS.

The Mayor shall appoint a chairperson with the advice and consent of the City Council. The Commission at the beginning of each fiscal year, the Commission shall elect from its membership regular members a vice-chairperson, secretary, and such other officers as may be necessary to conduct the business of the Commission. Ex-officio members shall not be eligible for Commission offices. The City Staff Liaison shall be responsible for taking minutes at meetings and distributing official meeting announcements, agendas, minutes, and other official communications with the Commission membership and the City. The chairperson shall preside over meetings and shall appoint members of the Commission to any committee subcommittee which the Commission shall from time to time create. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson.

50.04 DUTIES.

The Citizens' Environmental Commission shall examine, study, and identify issues related to the environment and conduct appropriate programs and activities designed to enhance the quality of life in DeKalb. Each fiscal year, the Commission shall develop relevant goals and objectives to carry out its duties and submit these to the City Council for approval. The Commission shall also be responsible for seeing that the City's Sustainability Plan is being implemented and appropriately monitored for progress. The City Staff Liaison shall be responsible for maintaining records regarding the implementation and monitoring of the Sustainability Plan. A report documenting progress on the implementation and monitoring of the Sustainability Plan shall be submitted to the City Council annually for its review and comment. The City Council may also direct the Commission to prepare advisory recommendations on the methods and programs best suited to address environmental issues in DeKalb. The City Staff shall present the advisory recommendations to the City Council and other appropriate City Boards and Commissions, as necessary. Upon receiving direction from the City Council regarding Commission recommendations, the City Staff will coordinate the implementation of the approved recommendations with the assistance of the Commission as necessary and appropriate. The Commission and City Staff shall monitor and evaluate the implementation activities and regularly report their findings to the City Council. (94-99)
50.05 MEETINGS.

The Commission's Chairperson shall call the meetings for the Commission on a regular basis, not less than one (1) per month on a. The schedule shall be established and published by the City Staff Liaison as required by law. The Chairperson or four (4) Commission members may call additional meetings of the whole or subcommittee meetings as may be deemed necessary by giving notice. Notice of the time and place of such meetings shall be made by the City Staff Liaison to all Commission members, and to the Chairperson, thenews media as required by law. Such notifications shall not be less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to such meetings. The City Staff Liaison shall send copies of minutes from each meeting to the Mayor and City Council. The chairperson, in consultation with the Commission members, shall make an annual report each April near the end of the fiscal year to the City Council, and shall make such other reports and/or recommendations as may be requested from time to time by the City Council or, as may be desired to be submitted by the Commission. (94-99, 98-120)

50.06 VOTING PRIVILEGES AND QUORUM.

Only regular members of the Commission shall be eligible to vote on matters before the Commission. Ex-officio members shall serve in an advisory capacity only. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Commission. All actions and recommendations to the City Council shall be made by a majority vote of those voting members present where a quorum exists. (98-120)

50.07 STAFF LIAISON. P.R.I.D.E. AWARDS.

The City Manager or designee is hereby designated as the City Staff Liaison, and shall work with the Citizens' Environmental Commission to carry out its duties shall solicit, review, and to facilitate vote on P.R.I.D.E. (People Responsible for Improving the DeKalb Environment) Awards for organizations, businesses, and foster cooperation between/or individuals. These awards recognize those that have made a significant impact on improving the environment in DeKalb. Specific criteria for the awards shall be developed by the Commission and City Staff in carrying out environmental projects and subject to approval of the City Council. Up to four (4) awards may be presented in any one year. P.R.I.D.E. Awards shall be presented at the appropriate City Council meeting, typically in December, by the chairperson of the Citizens’ Environmental Commission or the City Staff Liaison. (91-102, 94-99, 98-120)