ORDINANCE 2016-031    PASSED: OCTOBER 24, 2016

AMENDING CHAPTER 65 "CITIZENS’ COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION", SECTION 65.01 “DEFINITIONS”, SECTION 65.02 "PURPOSE AND CREATION" AND SECTION 65.03 "MEMBERSHIP".

WHEREAS, the City of DeKalb is a home-rule municipality with the powers and authority conferred upon it by virtue of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City currently supports the operation of the Citizens’ Community Enhancement Commission pursuant to Chapter 65 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to revise the definitions, creation, membership, and duties and powers of such commission as outlined below;

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

Section 1. Section 65.01, 65.02, 65.03, and 65.05 shall be amended as follows:

City Code Section 65.01, Definitions:

a) For the purposes of this Chapter 65, the following words shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them.


2. Improvement: Any building, structure, place, parking facility, fence, gate, wall, work of art, or other object constituting a physical betterment of real property, or any part of such betterment.

3. Property: A distinct parcel of real property which is assigned a separate tax parcel number by the DeKalb County Supervisor of Assessments.

4. Survey: The bi-annual National Citizen’s Survey program and the resulting report.

City Code Section 65.02, Purpose and Creation:

a) Purpose. The purpose of the Commission shall be to prepare, analyze, recommend and implement a plan to further enhance the appearance, quality of life and reputation of the City of DeKalb.
b) Creation. There is hereby created a Commission which shall consist of nine-(9) seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Commission members shall be from among the membership of local civic, educational, commercial, eleemosynary and philanthropic organizations, to the extent that such persons are available in the community, and may include other persons who have demonstrated special interest, knowledge or experience, in planning, public relations, marketing, history, neighborhood preservation or related disciplines. The members shall reside within the City of DeKalb. The City Manager shall designate a staff liaison to the Commission.

City Code Section 65.03, Membership:

Remove in its entirety the current text and replace with the following:

The Citizens' Community Enhancement Commission shall be comprised of seven (7) members, with each member appointed by the Mayor generally serving for a three (3) year term. Any appointment to the Commission by the Mayor, whether as an initial appointment or reappointment, may be for a period of 1-3 years as determined by the Mayor, with the term of appointment being established in order to facilitate even turnover of membership in following years. Any member may be reappointed for such number of terms as determined to be appropriate by the Mayor; there shall be no limit on reappointment. All terms shall end on June 30.

City Code Section 65.05, Duties and Powers:

a) The Commission shall have four-(4) three (3) categories of duties and powers; the first, shall deal with developing a strategic long-range plan which will identify problem areas in the City's image and reputation, develop and recommend potential solutions to those problem areas and participate in the implementation of such solutions; the second, shall deal with coordination of the bi-annual National Citizen's Survey program, review of the survey's results, development of responsive solutions and implementation of such solutions; the third, shall deal with the public relations and marketing issues that arise in the course of furthering a positive and welcoming image of the City; and, the fourth, shall deal with oversight and review of various programs to beautify and improve the appearance of the City of DeKalb.

4. The Commission shall coordinate the bi-annual Survey; shall review the results of the Survey and recommend actions, programs and activities in response to issues raised in the Survey.

1. The Commission shall engage in marketing and public relations efforts, in concert with local civic, commercial, educational and philanthropic organizations to further a positive and welcoming image of the City.

2. The Commission shall provide oversight and review of various programs to
improve the overall appearance of the City, including, but not limited to, beautification projects and awards programs.

3. The Commission shall have the power to retain consultants to advise the Commission. Any contract retaining such consultant which involves an expenditure of City funds shall be subject to approval of the City Council.

4. To actively seek out those private and governmental sources of financial aid for those efforts to further a positive and welcoming image of the City.

5. To perform such other and further functions as may be directed by the City Council, from time to time.

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: October 25, 2016. Effective date: November 3, 2016.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of DeKalb, Illinois at a Regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of October, 2016, and approved by me as Mayor on the same day. First Reading October 10, 2016. Passed by an Omnibus roll call vote of 8-0 under the Consent Agenda. Aye: Jacobson, Finucane, Marquardt, Snow, Noreiko, Baker, Fauvre, Rey.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER JEEP JOHNSON, City Clerk

JOHN A. REY, Mayor
August 23, 2016

To: DeKalb City Council and Staff
From: Citizens Community Enhancement Commission

At the Citizens Community Enhancement Commission meeting yesterday, we reviewed the Duties and Powers as found in Chapter 65 of the Municipal Code. We feel that Item 1 in paragraph 65.05 no longer is relevant to the Commission and we ask that the Code be revised to remove this item.

The Commission felt that all other Duties and Powers are still within our goals and we would like them to remain as is.

Thank you in advance for the revision of this portion of the code.

Sincerely,

Susan M Johnson
Chairman