

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

An Ordinance amending Sections 2-131, 2-134, and 2-137 pertaining to the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission to revise the membership positions and redefine the appointment process and duties for the Executive Director; and for other purposes.

**THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HEARBY ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1.

Section 2-131 of the Columbus code is hereby amended by striking the existing code section in its entirety and substituting a new Section 2-131 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 2-131. - Established; organization; operation procedures.**

There is established, as a subordinate branch of the consolidated government, a Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission, to be composed of nine (9) members. A majority of the total membership of the commission shall constitute a quorum and a majority of those voting shall be necessary for any commission action. The chairperson and vice chairperson of the commission shall be elected by a majority vote of appointed commissioners. The chairperson shall preside at commission meetings and vote only in the event of a tie or only in the event that a vote of the chairperson would result in the majority necessary for any commission action. The Columbus Council shall appoint nine (9) members from nominations made by the commission chairperson or by a Councilor of the Columbus Council. All nine (9) members will be residents of Muscogee County, three (3) of those nine members will be registered voters in State Senatorial District 15, three (3) of the members will be registered voters in State Senatorial District 29 and the remaining three (3) members will be representatives at large.”

SECTION 2.

Section 2-134 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking the existing code section in its entirety and substituting a new Section 2-134 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 2-134. - Executive director; powers.**

The consolidated government shall employ, with the approval of the City Manager and in consultation with the members of the commission, a full-time salaried executive director of the commission, who shall be a merit system employee of the consolidated government. The executive director shall be delegated the authority and responsibility

necessary to properly administer the business of the commission, within policies set by the commission and subject to its review. The executive director shall be a resident and a qualified registered voter of Columbus, Georgia.”

SECTION 3.

Section 2-137 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking the existing code section in its entirety and substituting a new Section 2-137 to read as follows:

**“Sec. 2-137. - Terms; compensation; expenses; resignation; removal of members.**

Members of the commission appointed after the effective date of this ordinance shall serve for terms of three years from the date of appointment by the Columbus Council and an additional period if necessary so that members' terms expire on July 1 of the year in which any three-year term ends. All members of the commission shall be eligible to succeed themselves for one additional three-year term. Notwithstanding Section 2-131 above setting the membership of the commission at nine (9) members, any members of the commission currently appointed to terms ending June 30, 2023 or June 30, 2024 shall be eligible to complete that term. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Columbus Council, but within the limits of the commission's budget, shall be paid and refunded all reasonable expenses which they may incur in the performance of their duties. Upon the resignation or removal of any member of the commission, the Columbus Council shall appoint a successor for the remainder of that member’s term upon any other nomination made by a member of the council or from the floor of the Columbus Council.”

SECTION 4.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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First introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 25th day of October 2022, and introduced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____

Councilor Thomas            voting    \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Tucker            voting    \_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor Woodson           voting    \_\_\_\_\_

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Sandra T. Davis  
Clerk of Council

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III  
Mayor