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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

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A Resolution Reestablishing the Juneau Commission on Sustainability, and Repealing Resolution 2718.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is committed to a sustainable future that meets today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same, and that:

- Supports a stable, diverse, and equitable economy;
- Protects the quality of the air, water, land and other natural resources;
- Conserves native vegetation, fish, wildlife habitat, and ecosystems;
- Minimizes human impacts on local and worldwide ecosystems; and
- Minimizes energy usage and the release of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the CBJ Comprehensive Plan provides that it is the policy of the CBJ to build a sustainable community that endures over generations and that is sufficiently far-seeing and flexible to maintain the vital and robust nature of its economic, social, and environmental support systems; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the nation, both large and small, have promoted sustainability through focusing on such issues as reducing dependence on fossil fuels; promoting fuel-efficient technologies; investing in the local economy for the long-term; adopting and enforcing land-use policies that reduce sprawl, promote infill, preserve open space, and create compact, walkable urban communities; promoting transportation options such as bicycle trails, incentives for car pooling and public transit; making energy efficiency a priority through building code improvements, retrofitting municipal facilities with energy efficient technologies, and urging employees to conserve energy and save money; practicing and promoting sustainable building practices; increasing the fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles and reducing the number of vehicles; increasing recycling rates in municipal operations and in the community; and educating the public, business, and government about sustainability; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2397(b), the CBJ joined the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and committed itself to complete the five milestones of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign to reduce greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it is in the public interest to create a panel to research and advise the Assembly on community sustainability, including but not limited to the items listed above; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Commission on Sustainability has requested that the Assembly revise the Commission's governing legislation to specify that the Planning Commission and Assembly members be non-voting members and not be counted in determining whether a quorum of the Commission is present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Establishment. There is established a Juneau Commission on Sustainability.

Section 2. Composition. The Commission shall be comprised of nine members appointed by the Assembly, plus one liaison from the Assembly and one from the Planning Commission. The liaisons shall not have the power to vote and shall not be counted in determining whether a quorum of the Commission is present. Commission membership shall reflect environmental, social, economic and governmental perspectives, unified by the common interest of sustainability. Commission members serving three year staggered terms at the time of adoption of this resolution shall serve out their terms.

Section 3. Duration. The Commission shall have an indefinite duration.

Section 4. Public policy and purpose. A sustainable community seeks to advance the economic social, environmental and governmental well-being of the community without compromising the quality of life of future generations. The mission of the CBJ Commission on Sustainability is to promote the economic, social, environmental, and governmental well-being of Juneau and all its inhabitants, now and in the future.

Section 5. Powers and Duties.

1. To coordinate, propose, and promote sustainability initiatives among residents, businesses, government, and non-governmental agencies and educational organizations through education and outreach programs.

2. To make recommendations to the Juneau Assembly and CBJ Boards and Commissions on policies and programs that promote sustainability.

3. To research and apply for grants or other funds or gifts from public or private agencies for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions or purposes of this resolution.

4. To serve as an advisory group to the CBJ in reducing greenhouse gas emissions to target levels as adopted by the CBJ Assembly.

5. To act as liaison between the public and the CBJ Assembly on sustainability related issues.

Section 6. Staff Liaison. The Manager shall designate a staff liaison to the Commission.

Section 7. Procedure. The Commission shall operate pursuant to the CBJ Advisory Board Rules of Procedure as they may be amended from time to time.

Section 8. Repeal. Resolution 2718 is repealed.

Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of May, 2016.



Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

Attest:


for Laurie J. Sica, Municipal Clerk