



COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT Administration	PRESENTED BY Christy Doon - Interim City Administrator	DATE November 7, 2023
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ITEM

Ordinance 2023-15, AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO ADD ARTICLE XVIII TO CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE COMMITTEE AS AN OFFICIAL ADVISORY BODY WITHIN THE SALIDA MUNICIPAL CODE. First reading and setting a public hearing.

BACKGROUND

The Sustainability Committee, an ad hoc group of elected officials and citizens, has been meeting for approximately 3 years. Through the committee, the Salida Climate Action Plan was adopted, a partnership with Unbottle and Protect Chaffee County Water has been established, with new bottle-filling stations installed at areas across the City, and a composting partnership with Elements Composting has been established. The current structure lacks staff support, clear connection to the City Council and organizational direction.

Within the attached Ordinance are the proposed amendments to the City Code, establishing the Sustainability Committee as an official advisory body to City Council.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impacts

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Ordinance 2023-15.

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember should state, "I move to approve Ordinance 2023-15 and set the second reading and public hearing for November 21, 2023."

**CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO
ORDINANCE NO. 15
(Series of 2023)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SALIDA,
COLORADO, AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO ADD ARTICLE XVIII TO
CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO ESTABLISH THE
COMMITTEE AS AN OFFICIAL ADVISORY BODY WITHIN THE SALIDA
MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City of Salida, Colorado (“City”) is a statutory city, duly organized and existing under the laws of the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-15-401, the City by and through its City Council (“Council”), possesses the authority to adopt laws and ordinances within its police power in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Council sees fit to establish committees, boards, and commissions to address concerns and needs within the community; and

WHEREAS, those entities are codified within the City Code (“Code”) to outline their purpose and general functions; and

WHEREAS, the Council is committed to responsibly interacting with the environment and environmental protection and therefore finds this committee to be a needed asset to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Council now therefore desires to amend the Code to add the Sustainability Committee as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council incorporates the foregoing recitals as conclusions, facts, determinations and findings by the City Council.

Section 2. Code Article XVIII entitled Sustainability Committee is hereby added to read as follows:

Article XVIII. – SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE.

Sec. 2-18-10. – Establishment.

There is hereby created and established a Sustainability Committee, which shall perform those duties and exercise those powers and responsibilities as set forth in this Article.

Sec. 2-18-20. – Purpose.

The Sustainability Committee is created to assist and advise the City Council on issues

relating to sustainability within the City.

Sec. 2-18-30. – Membership and organization.

- a) The Sustainability Committee shall consist of nine (9) regular members, eight (8) of which shall be appointed by the majority of the City Council and one (1) who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Additionally, one (1) member shall be a youth representative who is 14 to 18 years of age.
- b) Members shall serve staggered two-year terms. A member may continue to serve on the Sustainability Committee until his or her successor is appointed and assumes office, and a member may be reappointed to serve successive terms without limitation.
- c) The City Council shall endeavor to maintain a balance of interests and skills on the Sustainability Committee and shall strive to appoint persons from a wide cross-section of sustainability areas such as waste management; transportation; energy supply; land use/natural climate solutions; energy usage, both residential and commercial; water and air quality; and conservation.
- d) A majority of the members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
- e) Members of the Committee may be removed by action of the City Council for malfeasance, for non-excused failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Committee, or excessive absences deemed detrimental by a majority vote of the Committee. To be considered excused, members must contact the Sustainability Coordinator in advance of the scheduled meeting.
- f) The officers of the Sustainability Committee shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed in the Committee’s bylaws and by the City Council. The officers shall be nominated and elected by the Committee members by ballot to serve for one (1) year or until their successors are elected.
- g) The most recent edition of “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised” shall govern the Committee as applicable, unless inconsistent with this Code, the Committee’s bylaws, or any special rules of order the Committee adopts.

Sec. 2-18-40. – Powers and duties.

The Sustainability Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) To provide recommendations to the Council pertaining to sustainability efforts.
- b) To assist the Council and City staff to implement the Energy Action Plan and Climate Action Plan.
- c) To engage in thoughtful analysis of the City’s greenhouse gas emissions.
- d) To update and advocate for the advancement of local guidelines and codes to lower energy consumption.
- e) To advocate for improvement of waste diversion and recycling to keep the landfill viable.
- f) To serve as a link between the City Council, City staff, and the community with respect to sustainability initiatives and projects.
- g) To adopt bylaws and guidelines for the functioning of the Committee.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are severable and the

invalidity of any section, phrase, clause, or portion of the ordinance as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the ordinance.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING on this ____ day of _____, 2023, ADOPTED and ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL in a newspaper of general circulation by the City Council on this __ day of _____, 2023, and set for second reading and public hearing on the __ day of _____, 2023.

INTRODUCED, ON SECOND READING FINALLY ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL by the City Council this __ day of _____, 2023.

CITY OF SALIDA

By: _____
Mayor Dan Shore

ATTEST: (SEAL)

By: _____
City Clerk Erin Kelley