CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO ORDINANCE NO. 01 (Series of 2025)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO AMENDING SECTION 2-18-30 OF THE SALIDA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MEMBERSHIP ON THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Salida, Colorado (the "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 (the "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, on November 21, 2023, the Council established the Sustainability Committee through Ordinance No. 23-15 as the Council and City are committed to responsibly interacting with the environment and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, as committees, boards, and commissions operate, it sometimes becomes necessary to amend requirements and operations; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the Sustainability Committee continues to operate as initially intended it has now become necessary to amend the membership requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Council now therefore desires to amend the City Code to reflect the necessary changes to the membership requirements as set forth herein.

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

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as conclusions, facts, determinations, and findings by Council.

Section 2. Section 2-18-30. – Membership and organization, is amended to read as follows:

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

 (a) The Sustainability Committee shall consist of five (5) to 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 fourteen (14) to eighteen (18) years of age or <u>under with the approval</u> <u>of a legal guardian</u>.

- (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 limitations.
- (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 appointed 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 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.

Section 3. Severability: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and the invalidity of any section, phrase, clause, or portion of this 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 the 7th day of January, 2025, ADOPTED and ORDERED PUBLISHED IN FULL in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Salida by the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2025, and set for second reading and public hearing on the 21st day of January, 2025.

INTRODUCED ON SECOND READING, FINALLY ADOPTED and ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY, by the City Council on the 21st day of January, 2025.

CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO

Mayor

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ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy Clerk PUBLISHED IN FULL in the Mountain Mail after First Reading on the ____ day of _____, 20__, and BY TITLE ONLY, after final adoption on the ____ day of _____, 20__.

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk