

ORDINANCE No. 2025-O-22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.52.100 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Whitewater Municipal Code Section 2.52.100 is hereby created to read as follows:

2.52.100 – Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission

(a) Established.

A pedestrian and bicycle advisory commission for the City of Whitewater is hereby created.

(b) Purpose and intent.

It is hereby declared as a matter of public policy that the protection, improvement, and enhancement of the city transportation system to ensure safe and efficient movement of people and goods, and provide a variety of mode choices, while enhancing neighborhood livability and resident quality of life, is a public necessity and is required in the interest of the health, prosperity, safety, and welfare of the community. The purpose of this chapter is to:

- 1) Provide substantive advice and guidance to the parks and recreation board and other city boards, committees and commissions on bicycle and pedestrian related issues;
- 2) Provide a balanced and efficient transportation network that offers viable alternatives to driving and maximizes the use of existing investment;
- 3) Improve pedestrian connections to create a continuous and seamless pedestrian system;
- 4) Enhance the pedestrian environment to create a more walkable community;
- 5) Continue to build a connected bicycle route and trail network that is viable, convenient, safe, and secure; and
- 6) Encourage both utilitarian and recreational bicycling.

(c) Membership and officers.

- 1) Creation and Membership. The pedestrian and bicycle advisory commission is hereby established as a permanent commission of the parks and recreation board. There shall be three total members on the Whitewater pedestrian and bicycle advisory commission.

Membership shall be as follows:

- a. Two citizen members shall be appointed under the procedures set forth in Whitewater Municipal Code, Chapter 2.12, each serving three-year terms, staggered annually.
- b. One member of the common council shall serve as a member on the pedestrian and bicycle advisory commission.

- 2) To the extent feasible, both transportation and recreational interests shall be represented, including, but not limited to bicycling organizations, organizations concerned with education and safety, business organizations, private citizens concerned with non-motorized transportation such as commuting, persons with disabilities, the aging community, recreational enthusiasts, and students.
- 3) Officers. A chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected by the commission members. The election of officers will take place at the first meeting in each calendar year and those elected will serve for the term of one year.
- 4) The parks and recreation director shall be the support staff member for the commission.

(d) Procedure.

A majority of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(e) Powers and duties.

The commission shall be an advisory body that facilitates the city meeting the goals described in Section 2.52.020 and shall be accountable to the parks and recreation board.

(f) Meetings.

The commission shall hold regular meetings as may be provided by its adopted policies, and may hold special meetings at the call of the chair or at the request of the city council, parks and recreation board or public works committee.

Ordinance introduced by Council Member _____, who moved its adoption.

Seconded by Council Member _____.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

John Weidl, City Manager

Heather Boehm, City Clerk