

ORDINANCE NO. 15-19

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS A STANDING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW OR RECOMMEND PROJECTS OR POLICIES RELATED TO THE CITY OF FORT SMITH'S RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS; SETTING MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SAME; AND PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE FORT SMITH MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith through its Sanitation Department offers residential, industrial and commercial recycling programs as a means to divert recyclable material from the stream of municipal solid waste that is deposited in the city's sanitary landfill; and

WHEREAS, the economics of the recycling industry are constantly changing and evolving as local, regional, national, and international market-driven demand for recyclable materials greatly impacts the market value of the materials collected through such recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, the continued education of the public on both the economic and environmental benefits of recycling through all outreach sources is a critical component in increasing the rates of participation in residential, industrial or commercial recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Smith values the provision of efficient recycling programs as a key component to maximizing the lifespan of the sanitary landfill asset and relies on increased public education, awareness, and participation to make such recycling programs worthwhile; and

WHEREAS, the Board has deemed it desirable that a standing Recycling Advisory Committee be formed in order to review programs, policy changes or other recommendations from Administration and the Sanitation Department; and

WHEREAS, such committee shall study, advise and/or recommend recycling initiatives or policy adjustments to the Board of Directors as needed or requested by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, that:

Section 1. There is hereby established in and for the city a Recycling Advisory Committee administered by the Sanitation Department for the purpose of serving as a standing committee in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors for evaluating, planning, analyzing, updating and recommending policies or programs related to the Sanitation Department's residential, industrial and commercial recycling programs.

Section 2. The Recycling Advisory Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members who are qualified electors of the city. Appointments shall be made by the Board of Directors. At all times the membership of the Advisory Committee shall include at least one resident from each of the four city wards.

Section 3. Upon appointment and at the first organizational meeting of the Advisory Committee, the members shall draw lots for one (2 positions), two (2 positions), or three (3 positions) year terms. Thereafter, appointments to fill expired terms on the Advisory Committee shall be for three year terms.

Section 4. The Recycling Advisory Committee shall select a chairperson from its own membership on an annual basis. The chairperson's duty shall be to preside at all meetings of the Advisory Committee. If the chairperson is absent from a particular meeting, the members in attendance shall elect an acting chairperson for that meeting.

Section 5. The Recycling Advisory Committee shall establish a regular meeting schedule for the discussion and consideration of projects or policies related to the city's recycling programs, including policies regarding public outreach and education programs related to recycling services and any other items referred by the Board of Directors for the committee's discussion and recommendation.


Section 5. This Ordinance shall be codified and included in Chapter 25 (Utilities), Article VII (Solid Waste) of the Fort Smith Municipal Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.

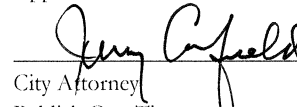
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