

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY
COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS**

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WHEREAS, managing our natural resources –water and energy in particular—in a sustainable manner is essential for the health and well-being of all people and of future generations, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Urbana, Illinois recognize the need for broad public involvement in beginning the discussion of how to achieve sustainable management of our natural resources, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Urbana have demonstrated a growing awareness and concern about how to approach this issue, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council would like to engage the citizens of Urbana in an on-going discussion of how best to deal with the issue of sustainability by establishing a Sustainability Advisory Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

The City Council hereby establishes a Sustainability Advisory Commission.

The purpose of the Commission shall be to assist the Mayor and City Council in identifying the highest priorities for city government and citizens to achieve sustainable management of natural resources –water and energy in particular—and shall recommend to the Mayor and City Council goals to achieve and workable means to reach such goals.

The Sustainability Advisory Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Mayor, and approved by the City Council, from Urbana residents who have experience, expertise, or interest in the areas of sustainable environmental management.

Members shall serve for a three (3) year term. However at the inception of the Board, two (2) members shall be appointed for a one (1) year term, two (2) members for a two (2) year term and three (3) members for a three (3) year term, so that terms are staggered.

The Mayor shall designate the Chair and a Vice Chair of the Board.

A majority of the sitting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and confirmed, unless removed by the Mayor for good cause.