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2.38.010 - Created.

There is created a commission to be known as the sustainable city commission.

(ORD-07-0024 § 1 (part), 2007).

2.38.020 - Purpose.

The purpose of the commission shall be to make advisory policy recommendations to the city council on issues relating to the environment, a sustainable city plan, efforts or programs to address environmental issues such as air quality, water quality, resource conservation relating to the protection and integrity of the natural environment, programs to increase education and awareness of the environment, to serve as a forum for community discussion of these environmental issues, and to encourage input and participation from all sectors of the community on issues of sustainability and the environment.

All recommendations of the commission shall be submitted to the city council in writing and shall include a summary of any citizen testimony before the commission on each particular recommendation presented for consideration.

The commission shall not sit as an adjudicatory body on any matter, including, but not limited to, the adequacy or certification of any environmental documents which are otherwise within the jurisdiction of the city council or planning commission and shall have no authority to compel the attendance of persons before it. Each year the commission shall prepare a work program outlining the focus for the commission for review and approval by the city council.

(ORD-07-0024 § 1 (part), 2007).

2.38.030 - Authority over city officers and employees.

The commission shall neither interfere with nor impose itself on the powers and duties of the officers of the city as set forth in the city charter, nor shall the commission interfere with the management or operations of the city. Likewise, the commission shall have no authority over employees of the city, and the provisions of Section 208 of the city charter shall be applicable.

(ORD-07-0024 § 1 (part), 2007).

2.38.040 - Members.

- A. The commission shall be comprised of eleven (11) members. There shall be one commission member representing each of the nine councilmanic districts and two members appointed at-large.
- B. All members shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the city council. Each member of the city council shall nominate a maximum of three individuals to the mayor to represent each respective council district.
- C. Members of the commission shall have a demonstrated concern for, and the desire to improve, the status of natural resources and living environment of the city, and may have professional or scholarly expertise in the environmental field, geology, hydrology, land use planning, ecology, or special expertise and demonstrated capabilities in fields relating to the social, economic or environmental aspects of life in the city.
- D. Whenever a member desires to resign from the commission, he or she shall inform the chairperson in writing. Any member of the commission may be removed by the mayor with the consent and approval of the city council. If a

member is absent without the consent of the commission from three consecutive meetings, whether regular or special, such absence shall cause the member's retirement from the commission. In the event a vacancy is created, it shall immediately be filled by the same method by which the member was appointed.

(ORD-07-0024 § 1 (part), 2007).

2.38.050 - Term of office.

- A. The term of office for members of the commission shall be four years. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms.
- B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, five members first appointed to the commission, including the two at-large members and three other members as determined by lottery, shall serve for an initial two-year term. Members serving an initial two-year term shall be eligible for re-appointment to one additional four-year term.

(ORD-07-0024 § 1 (part), 2007).

2.38.060 - Applicability of Chapter 2.18 of the Long Beach Municipal Code.

Except as provided in this chapter, the commission shall operate and conduct its business in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2.18 of this code entitled "Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees."

(ORD-07-0024 § 1 (part), 2007).
