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ORDINANCE NO. G-1349

AN ORDINANCE creating Article VII, Sections 62-166 through 62-171, in Chapter 62 of the Pittsburg City Code for the purpose of creating a Neighborhood Advisory Council, and determining the membership, duties and functions of said Neighborhood Advisory Council, also referred to as the NAC.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is aware of the importance of vibrant and healthy neighborhoods to the quality of life in Pittsburg, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recognizes that citizens that live in neighborhoods have a better understanding of the particular area where they reside;

WHEREAS, the establishment of neighborhood boundaries within the city limits of the City of Pittsburg, Kansas is an initial step to creating the Neighborhood Advisory Council;

WHEREAS, the Governing Body recognizes that the creation of the Neighborhood Advisory Council will help support the city-wide clean up efforts and create a council of citizens that can access both public and private resources; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that a council comprised of neighborhood members providing leadership, support and information on neighborhood affairs and issues is a benefit to the neighborhoods of the City of Pittsburg, City Staff, Community Development and the Governing Body.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS:

Section 1. Article VII in Chapter 62 of the Pittsburg City Code is hereby created as follows:

ARTICLE VII. NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sec. 62-166. Creation; Membership, Terms.

It is hereby declared to be in the best interests of the City to create a Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC) to be composed of twelve (12) members representing all four (4) quadrants within the city limits of Pittsburg, Kansas. Equal membership from each of the four (4) quadrants is preferred, but not mandatory. The members of the NAC will be citizens with vested interest in their surrounding area who want to make improvements, create relationships with neighbors and support the needs of the defined neighborhood area. Members will be appointed by the Governing Body. Each member will be a real property owner or tenant who has been a citizen of the City of Pittsburg for more than one (1) year. Each member will serve a two (2) year term and will be eligible for reappointment for three (3) consecutive terms.

Sec. 62-167. Election of Officers.

The members of the NAC shall annually appoint one (1) member as Chairperson and another member as Vice-Chairperson, each of whom shall serve for one (1) year or until successors are appointed.

Sec. 62-168. Ex-Officio Member; Secretary.

The City Manager or his or her designee shall be an ex-officio member of the NAC and shall act as Secretary and keep notes, but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter considered by the NAC.

Sec. 62-169. Filling of Vacancies; Removal; Quorum.

Upon the expiration of the term of any member, the Governing Body shall either reappoint that member, or some other qualified individual to a two (2) year term of membership; provided, however, that no member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms. Any member may be removed by the Governing Body for failing to attend meetings of the NAC or for no longer meeting the criteria for membership. Should any member of the NAC resign, pass away, or be removed by the Governing Body, the Governing Body shall appoint some other qualified individual to serve the former member's unexpired term. Seven (7) members of the NAC shall constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of the majority of a quorum shall be required for any action taken by the NAC.

Sec. 62-170. Member Duties.

The NAC shall act as a deliberative and review body representing the interests of the neighborhoods in Pittsburg, Kansas. The NAC shall serve as a primary vehicle for communication between the neighborhoods and the City of Pittsburg, Kansas. The mission of the NAC is to be the voice of all neighborhood members on public policy development to support healthy, safe and vibrant neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburg, Kansas. The NAC members may review and make recommendations on proposed City policies, programs and decision-making regarding the concerns and perceived impacts of decisions and policies upon neighborhoods.

The following are the primary responsibilities of the NAC:

- a) Education. Support current policy and provide consistent opportunity for education and resident involvement while also recruiting and retaining dedicated community members to help serve.
- b) Communication. Establish a network to connect residents and neighborhoods to address concerns and ideas and regularly communicate with elected officials and City staff.
- c) Coordination. Create opportunities to gather and build networking amongst neighbors and other neighborhoods throughout the City of Pittsburg, Kansas.
- d) Initiation. Research policy within the City of Pittsburg, Kansas and other communities to implement ideas that will create change and growth within the neighborhoods and recommend policy change when necessary.

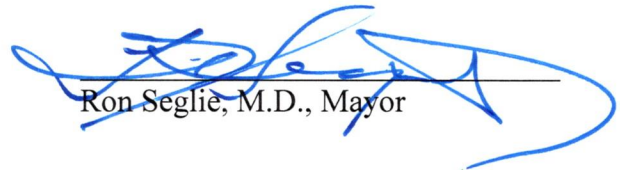
Sec. 62-171. Operational Processes; Meeting Frequency; Annual Report

The NAC may adopt, define and amend its operational processes, in writing, and shall submit to the City Clerk. The NAC shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place as fixed by the chairperson. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or, in his or her absence, the vice-chairperson. The City Manager or his or her designee may call a meeting if exigent circumstances require timely action by the council. The chairperson, without a formal meeting of the NAC and upon consulting with the other members, may provide a formal response of "No comment" if a response from the council is requested.

The NAC shall prepare an annual report in March of each year. The NAC Chairperson will present the annual report to the City Commission to review the accomplishments and goals of the NAC. Following such a review, if the Governing Body finds it is in the best interest of the City of Pittsburg, Kansas, the NAC may be dissolved by ordinance.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED this 11th day of July, 2023.



Ron Seglie, M.D., Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Nagel, City Clerk

