

AN ORDINANCE amending, repealing and enacting various sections of the Joplin City Code dealing generally with the composition and function of various Boards and Commissions of the City of Joplin.

WHEREAS, the Council desires to reorganize and reconstitute various Boards and Commissions of the City in light of ongoing changes in the issues facing the Boards and Commissions and the Council; and,

WHEREAS, having referred the subject matter of this Council Bill to a Special Committee of the Council; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.16 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Joplin, Missouri, the Council retains the ability to alter, combine, or eliminate its Boards and Commissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 2-141, "Filling of vacancies; successive terms", be amended to allow further service in the event no successor is available, to read as follows:

"Section 2-141, Filling of vacancies; successive terms.

Vacancies in any City Board or Commission occasioned by removals, resignations or otherwise, shall be reported to the City Council and filled in a like manner as original appointments, except that if a vacancy is in an unexpired term, the appointment shall be made only for the unexpired portion of that term. No member of any Board or Commission of the City shall serve for more than two (2) successive full terms, and, members shall not be eligible for further appointment to such Board until one (1) year after the expiration of the second full term. Provided, however, in the event a member of any Board or Commission who shall be prevented by this section from serving an additional term makes application to the City Council, and, in the event there is no other qualified applicant for such position, then, in such event, the City Council may appoint such individual for an additional term."

Section 2. That Section 2-142, "Absence of members from meetings.", be amended to provide that the failure to attend three (3) regular meetings in a year, or three (3) successive meetings shall be deemed to have vacated his/her position, to read as follows:

"Section 2-142. Absence of members from meetings.

Any member of a City Board or Commission who shall be absent for three (3) regular meetings during any calendar year, or, who shall be absent for three (3) successive regular meetings, shall be deemed to have vacated his/her position on said Board or Commission, and the position on the Board or Commission shall immediately become vacant.”

Section 3. That Section 2-143, “Members to be registered voters”, be amended to allow for preference to City residents, to read as follows:

“Section 2-143. Members to be registered voters.

No person shall be appointed as a member of a City Board or Commission unless such person shall be, at the time of appointment, registered to vote in the State. City residency shall be preferred, but, if there is no qualified individual to fill such City Board or Commission who is a resident of the City, then, a non-resident of the City may be appointed.”

Section 4. That Resolution No. 87-85, which established an Affirmative Action Commission to review the City’s Personnel Department’s Affirmative Action Employee Practices, and, to review other programs associated with contracts with the City be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Section 5. That Article II of Chapter 122, consisting of Sections 122-31, 122-32, and 122-33, which established a City Tree Board, be and the same are hereby repealed. Any duties of such Board shall be assumed by the City’s Parks and Recreation Board.

Section 6. That Ordinance No. 88-17, which established the Convention and Visitors’ Advisory Board as codified in Subdivision II. of Division 6 of Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, be, and the same is hereby amended to increase the membership thereof by adding four (4) additional Board Members – one such Advisory Board position from the media or advertising profession; one such position from area attractions; one such position from a retail establishment; and, one at large, to read as follows:

“Section 30-271. Established; membership; term of members, officers.

The city council hereby establishes an advisory board to be known as the convention and visitors’ advisory board, consisting of eleven (11) members, with four members to be from the motel/hotel industry, one member to be from the restaurant business, one member to be from the chamber of commerce, one from the media or advertising profession, one from area attractions, one from retail; and two (2) members to be at large. Members shall be appointed by the mayor, with their appointment to be confirmed by the city council. All members shall be appointed for a term of three years. The board shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary.”

Section 7. That the Electrical Board, as created by Ordinance Nos. 22454 and 22676, as codified in Division 3. of Article V. of Chapter 26 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin, and the Plumbing Board as created by Ordinance No. 77-29, as codified in Division 3., of

Article VII. of Chapter 26, be repealed, and there is hereby enacted a Building Trades Board to be composed of five (5) members – two (2) Journeyman or Master Electricians, two (2) Journeyman or Master Plumbers, and one (1) Building Contractor, to be codified as Article I., of Chapter 26, to read as follows:

26-2. Building Trades Board Established.

There is hereby established a Building Trades Board which shall establish the examination of plumbers, electricians and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Staff on such other matters concerning the Building Trades.

26-3. Membership.

The Board shall be comprised of five (5) members – two (2) journeyman or Master Electricians, two (2) journeyman or Master Plumbers, and one (1) Building Contractor.

26-4. Powers and Duties.

The Building Trades Board shall have the following duties:

(a) Pass on the qualifications of all electricians and electrical contractors in the City coming before it for examination, and to authorize the issuance of contractor's licenses and electrician's certificates where the qualifications of the applicants are found to be satisfactory, and to exercise all of the powers and functions defined in the Charter and ordinances of the city for such board.

(b) Establish standards and procedures for the qualifications, examination and licensing of master plumbers and journeyman plumbers and shall issue an appropriate certificate of competency to each person who meets the qualifications therefor and successfully passes the standard examination for master plumber or journeyman plumber as prepared and published by Block and Associates, Florida Farm Bureau Building, 5700 S.W. 34th Street, No. 1303, Gainesville, Florida 32608.

(c) Provide such guidance and assistance to the City Staff and City Council regarding the licensing and regulation of the Building Trades.

(d) Perform all duties previously assigned to the Plumbing and Electrical Boards.

Section 8. That Section 62-54 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin be enacted to prescribe the duties of the Board of Health, to read as follows:

"Section 62-54. Duties.

The Board of Health shall fulfill those duties assigned by the charter or ordinance of the City and shall advise the City Staff and City Council on all matters concerning the public health."

Section 9. That the Food Service Advisory Board as established by Ordinance No. 75-85, and codified in Division 2. of Article III. of Chapter 62, consisting of Sections 62-91, 62-92, 62-93, 62-94, 62-95, 62-96, and 62-97, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 10. That the Joplin Sports Authority as created by Ordinance No. 96-023, be amended to increase the number of Directors to eleven (11). The additional positions shall be appointed by the City Council to serve pursuant to the Bylaws of the Sports Authority.

Section 11. That the Transportation Study Committee be, and the same is hereby repealed and abolished. Its duties shall be assumed by the Traffic Commission, as established by Section 114-51.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 3rd day of January, 2000.

Earl S. Carr
Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Chuck Brown, City Attorney