

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES
BY ENACTING ARTICLE II SEC. 2-42, AMENDING ARTICLE II SEC. 2-90, AND
ENACTING ARTICLE VII SEC. 2-202

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. Chapter 2 Article II Sec. 2-42 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2-42. - Standing committees designated; composition; voting.

(a) There shall be elected by the city council standing committees of the council as follows:

(1) Community Services committee.

(2) General Government committee.

(3) Infrastructure committee.

(4) Public Safety committee.

(b) Each committee shall be composed of four (4) members of the city council, to be appointed by the mayor. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of each committee shall be designated by the mayor.

(c) Each member of city council shall be appointed to two (2) committees.

(d) The terms of appointments shall be aligned with the election cycle.

(d) The mayor shall be an ex officio member of the committees designated by this section. The mayor shall vote in the event of a tie. All regular members of the committees shall have full voting rights, and must follow the same voting requirements as are applicable to members of the city council when considering matters coming before the full council. The above voting requirements notwithstanding, members of committees shall have the right to abstain from voting, and when they do so, such actions shall be recorded as abstentions.

(e) The city council reserves the right to place on the council agenda any matter it so chooses, notwithstanding the committee system. If a matter is not on the council agenda, it may be heard upon approval by a majority vote of the council.

Sec. 2-43. - Duties and procedures of standing committees.

(a) Generally.

(1) Standing committees of the city council shall serve only in an advisory capacity. It shall be their duty to:

a. Consider and make positive, negative, or no recommendation to the city council;

b. Hold public hearings on questions when requested to do so by the council;

c. In collaboration with the city manager, make special studies and submit reports to the council on matters falling within that committee's province; and

d. Meet with the city manager when requested by him for policy discussions or advisory purposes.

- e. The standing committees will remain separate from the functions of the Zoning Commission and the Planning Board whose duties will remain unchanged.
- (2) Committees may request the city manager to furnish any information or reports desired regarding departmental operations or affairs with which that committee may be concerned.
- (3) Committees may be assigned special temporary duties by the city council.
- (4) Committees shall meet upon the call of either the mayor or chairperson, or in their absence the vice-chairperson or the city manager.
- (5) To ensure the orderly and expeditious handling of petitions and other matters presented to individual council members and to committees of the council for consideration, and to afford the administrative department of the city an opportunity to investigate the facts with respect thereto for the benefit of the committees and the city council, the following procedure shall be adhered to:
 - a. Requests and petitions received by individual council members shall be routed to the city manager, or to the appropriate department head, for investigation.
 - b. To save the time of the committees and of the public, the public shall not be invited to appear before a committee until the matter in question has been investigated by the appropriate department and the city manager has reported thereon to the committee.
 - c. Where a petition or other matter comes before a committee without first having been submitted to the city manager, or the department concerned, for administrative study and recommendations, the committee shall refer it to the city manager for study and recommendations, the city manager shall make his report thereon to the committee within such time as may be designated by the committee, and the committee shall consider the report and recommendations, along with other information received by it, in arriving at its decision.
- (6) Each committee meeting shall be advertised, televised or recorded when possible, and open to the public. Minutes shall be taken at each committee meeting and shall be given to and maintained by the city clerk.
- (b) Community Services committee.
 - (1) The community services committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the council and shall oversee parks & recreation, neighborhood development, libraries, housing code violations, nuisance ordinances, user fees, policy revisions, contracts, and capital projects.
 - (2) The city council may impose special or temporary duties upon the community services committee, and either the council or the city manager may request it to consider any proposals, projects or activities which are not the responsibility of another standing committee.
- (c) General Government committee.

- (1) The general government committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the council and shall oversee matters of finance, budget, information technology, human resources, human relations, minority/women business enterprise, executive issues, contracts and purchase orders, annual operating budget, budget amendments, annual financial reports, purchase and sale of property, fees, policy revisions, grants requiring a match, capital projects.
- (2) The city council may impose special or temporary duties upon the general government committee, and either the council or the city manager may request it to consider any proposals, projects or activities which are not the responsibility of another standing committee.

(d) Infrastructure committee.

- (1) The infrastructure committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the council and shall oversee matters of inspections & engineering, field operations, planning, transportation, water resources, contracts, budget review, road and alley closures, utility easements, roadway naming, annexation petitions, ordinance revisions, fees, capital projects.
- (2) The city council may impose special or temporary duties upon the infrastructure committee, and either the council or the city manager may request it to consider any proposals, projects or activities which are not the responsibility of another standing committee.

(e) Public safety committee.

- (1) The public safety committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the council and shall oversee matters of the fire department, Greensboro Metro 911, the police department, traffic matters, contracts, grant applications, budget review, ordinance revisions, fees, projects
- (2) The city council may impose special or temporary duties upon the public safety committee, and either the council or the city manager may request it to consider any proposals, projects or activities which are not the responsibility of another standing committee.

Secs. 2-44—2-49. - Reserved.

Section 2. Chapter 2 Article II Sec. 2-90 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-90. Authority of the city manager to execute service contracts and of the city attorney to approve legal service contracts.

The city manager, and his designees, shall have the authority to approve service contracts in the amount of ~~three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00)~~ one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) and less, on behalf of the city, and the city attorney shall have the authority to approve all legal service contracts, provided that city council shall have approved a sufficient appropriation in the annual budget for the current fiscal years. In the event of a special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, the manager may

contract for amounts in excess of his authority, provided he notify council as soon as practical, and place the contract on the next agenda for review and ratification.

Section 3. Chapter 2 Article VII Sec. 2-202 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2-202. Enforcement.

Violations of this Chapter shall not be punishable under North Carolina General Statute 14-4.