

## ARTICLE V. - METROPOLITAN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

## Sec. 2-96. - Established.

A commission for environmental improvement is hereby created which shall be known as the "Metropolitan Environmental Improvement Commission of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government," hereinafter called the "environmental commission."

(Ord. No. 184-74, § 1, 9-26-74; Ord. No. 41-83, § 1, 3-24-83)

## Sec. 2-97. - Membership.

The environmental commission shall consist of not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) members appointed by the mayor subject to the confirmation by the council. The membership shall be representative of all residents of the urban county and shall include at least two (2) members from each of the twelve (12) urban county council districts.

(Ord. No. 184-74, § 2, 9-26-74; Ord. No. 41-83, § 1, 3-24-83)

## Sec. 2-98. - Terms of members.

Terms of members shall be four (4) years beginning October 1 and ending September 30, of the respective year. Initial terms shall be staggered so that a proportionate number serve one (1), two (2), three (3) and (4) years respectively. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment and the successor shall be appointed for the unexpired terms. Any member may be appointed for additional terms. The first members of the environmental commission shall assume their duties effective October 1, 1974.

(Ord. No. 184-74, § 3, 9-26-74; Ord. No. 41-83, § 1, 3-24-83)

## Sec. 2-99. - Officers and rules of procedure.

The officers of the environmental commission shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, and three (3) directors, elected by the membership at the June meeting to serve a term from July 1 to June 30. The duties of the officers shall be implied by the respective titles and such as may be specified in the bylaws. The environmental commission shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a record of its proceedings.

(Ord. No. 184-74, § 4, 9-26-74; Ord. No. 41-83, § 1, 3-24-83; Ord. No. 132-88, § 1, 6-16-88)

**Editor's note**— The user should note that § 3 of Ord. No. 132-88 provides that the provisions set forth in § 2-99 "shall become effective on June 1, 1989."

Sec. 2-100. - Meetings.

The environmental commission shall meet in regular public session at least nine (9) times a calendar year. These meetings shall be held on the first Monday of the month, unless otherwise designated by the officers. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or by the written request of ten (10) members.

(Ord. No. 184-74, § 5, 9-26-74; Ord. No. 41-83, § 1, 3-24-83)

Sec. 2-101. - Duties and functions of the environmental commission.

The environmental commission shall:

- (1) Advise the mayor, the council, the planning commission, the board of adjustment, the building inspector, and all other appropriate bodies and officials concerning the environment and environmental policies of the community.
- (2) Strive to improve the environment and quality of life of Fayette County by promoting and encouraging good environmental standards and practices in the development and growth of the community; research, draft, negotiate and support the passage of ordinances and statutes and laws on local, state and federal levels that concern the environment, land use planning and community development; encourage the enforcement of existing ordinances, statutes and laws.
- (3) Investigate and study pollution of the air, land and water in the community; formulate plans for the elimination and reduction of such pollution; promote and support cleanup campaigns and antilitter projects; develop civic pride in improving the aesthetics of the community; encourage individuals, organizations, businesses, schools and neighborhood associations to improve the appearance of their properties and surroundings; promote landscaping and general beautification of public rights-of-way, buildings, parks, open spaces and utility installations.
- (4) Promote greater public consciousness of local environmental problems and needs; publicize local environmental activities; compile and provide a list of environmental speakers to all interested persons, schools and groups; promote the development of environmental curricula in local schools; encourage and organize workshops, seminars, films, slide shows and speaking programs on environmental concerns.
- (5) Maintain and preserve records of meetings and actions, and make these records available for public inspection.
- (6) Perform any other act necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose of this article.

(Ord. No. 184-74, § 6, 9-26-74; Ord. No. 41-83, § 1, 3-24-83)

Sec. 2-102. - Intent.

The intent of this article is to establish the metropolitan environmental improvement commission to enhance every aspect of the environment for the betterment of the urban county.

(Ord. No. 184-74, § 7, 9-26-74)

Secs. 2-103—2-105. - Reserved.