

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA, CREATING A SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD; SPECIFYING THE GOALS, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, AND THE APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATION OF ITS MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Safety Harbor recognizes the economic benefits of sustainability measures in operational efficiency (i.e. energy efficiency, renewable energy, waste reduction), to create and preserve clean waterways, and support programs that practice environmental conservation and sustainability, facilitate community participation in the City's Sustainability and Resiliency Plan, and encourage growth of green jobs; and

WHEREAS, as part of the City's Sustainability and Resiliency Plan, the City Commission desires to promote green development, methods, systems, and materials that meet sustainability and resiliency goals and do not have a negative impact on land, water, energy, natural resources, and natural environmental cycles, which have a beneficial impact on the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to reduce the impacts of weather, sea-level rise, extreme rainfall events, extreme heat events, droughts, flooding, and storms which threaten the community, citizen wellbeing, property, infrastructure, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to work cooperatively with other community leaders and the private sector in matters relating to sustainability and resiliency and empower City residents of practical and attainable ways to live sustainably; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined it is in the public interest to establish an advisory board made up of volunteer citizens who are appointed by the City Commission from a pool of interested citizens to advise and make recommendations to the Commission on issues of environmental and energy sustainability and community resiliency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 61 of the City Charter, the City Commission may create advisory boards by resolution, specifying the powers and duties of such board, and the number, appointment, and qualification of its members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION 2. The City of Safety Harbor hereby creates the Sustainability Advisory Board (referred to in this Resolution as the "Board").

SECTION 3. The goals of the Board are to review and make recommendations regarding City sustainability and resiliency.

SECTION 4. The Board shall be advisory to the City Commission with the following powers and duties:

- a. Review and make recommendations on updates to the City's Resiliency and Sustainability Plan for City Commission consideration and adoption;
- b. Review and make recommendations to the City Commission on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations that promote community sustainability and resiliency;
- d. Review and recommend opportunities for community outreach and education in conjunction with the City's Sustainability and Resiliency Plan;
- f. Review and provide input on information for sustainable practices to be distributed to the general public and businesses by the City; and
- h. Perform such other duties as requested by the City Commission or the City Manager.

SECTION 5. Composition of the Board and appointment shall be as follows:

- a. The Board shall consist of five (5) members, to be appointed by the City Commission, who have demonstrated expertise, training, education, interest, or experience in fields related to sustainability and practical application thereof, such as: physical, biological, or health sciences, engineering, environmental law, environmental education, corporate responsibility, environmental science, energy management, environmental health and safety, sustainability communications, green building, land use planning, water conservation, resiliency planning, or other related fields.
- b. Members should not only have an interest in environmental stewardship and the future of the City but should also be open to alternate points of view, collaborative problem solvers, and excellent communicators.
- c. Members must meet the eligibility requirements of Section 2.04 of the City Code.
- d. Members shall be appointed for terms of two (2) years and continue to serve until their respective successors are appointed, except that for the initial term, board members shall, by the drawing of lots, select three (3) members to serve a three (3) year term, with the remaining members to serve a two (2) year term. On the expiration of the term of membership for those initially selected to serve a three (3) year term, their successors shall be selected for

a full two (2) year term. All members may be reappointed in accordance with Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, of the City Code.

- e. The removal, attendance and appointment of Board members shall be in accordance with Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2 of the City Code. Should a vacancy occur on the Board, the City Commission will appoint a successor, and the successor shall fulfill the remainder of the term. A successor so appointed may thereafter be reappointed for one or more additional terms.

SECTION 6. The rules of procedure and meetings for the Board shall be as follows:

- a. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- b. At the first meeting of the calendar year, the Board shall select a chair and vice chair from among its members.
- c. The Board may adopt rules and procedures for the effective implementation of its functions, and for governing its meetings, provided all rules and procedures shall be consistent with this Resolution, Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, of the City Code, and shall comply with Article I, Section 24 of the Florida Constitution, Chapters 119 and 286, Florida Statutes, et. al (commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law).
- d. The Board shall meet at a frequency of no less than once per quarter and shall establish a regular meeting date, time, and location shall be determined at an organizational meeting of the Board. The proposed meeting date, time and location shall be subject to proper public notice and final approval by the City Manager.
- e. All records and minutes of the Board shall be filed with the City Clerk and shall be subject to the Public Records Law, Chapter 119 F.S. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, and conducted in a manner that is consistent with Chapter 286, F.S.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption and remain in effect unless revised or rescinded by the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA, THIS 21st DAY OF April 2025.

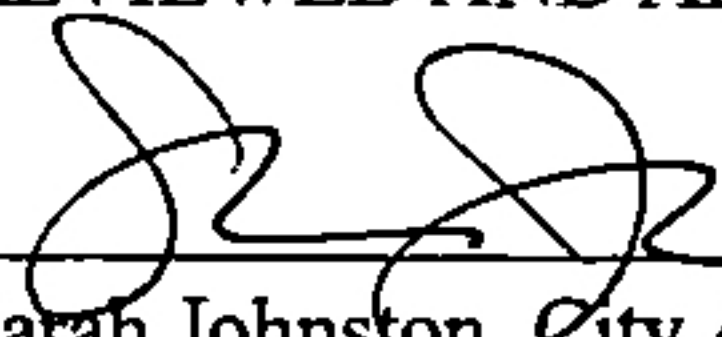
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Rachael Telesca, City Clerk



Mayor-Commissioner


Vice Mayor-Commissioner

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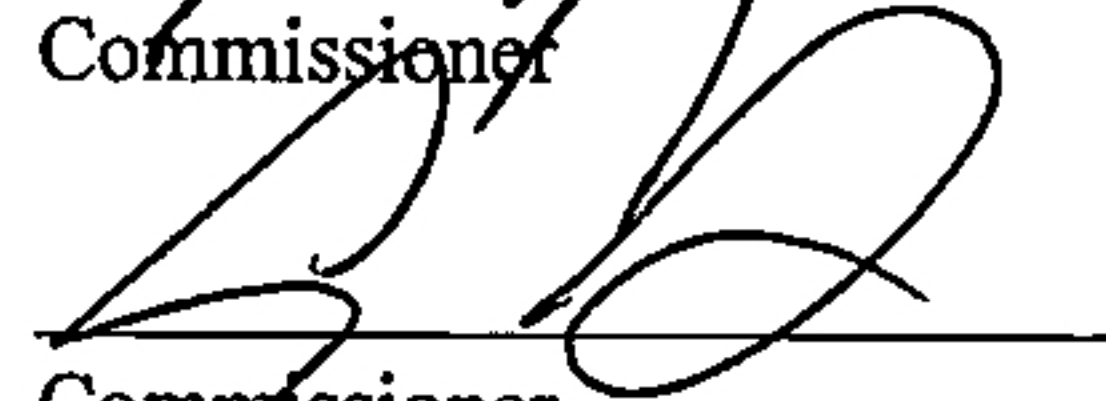
Sarah Johnston, City Attorney



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