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AN ORDINANCE

ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.57 TO THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING THE HOUSING POLICY COMMISSION AND APPOINTING THE MEMBERS THERETO

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood is a home rule city of the state of Colorado with full authority to establish boards and commissions by ordinance and to establish ad hoc committees by resolution, as provided in Section 4.5 of the City's Home Rule Charter;

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 2018-31 established the Ad Hoc Housing Committee, which has since terminated pursuant to the terms of Resolution 2018-31;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a permanent housing policy advisory body by adding a new chapter 2.57 to the Lakewood Municipal Code, thereby creating the Lakewood Housing Policy Commission;

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading is intended only to confirm that the City Council desires to comply with the Lakewood Municipal Code by setting a public hearing to provide City staff and the public an opportunity to present evidence and testimony regarding the proposal; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance on first reading does not constitute a representation that the City Council, or any member of the City Council, supports, approves, rejects or denies the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Colorado, that:

SECTION 1. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Title 2 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Chapter 2.57 to read in full as follows:

CHAPTER 2.57

HOUSING POLICY COMMISSION

2.57.010 Housing Policy Commission Established

There is hereby created and established the Housing Policy Commission for the purpose of developing and recommending housing-related policies to the City Council for discussion and possible action.

2.57.020 Policy Development and Use

A. The Housing Policy Commission shall research, analyze and develop policies for consideration and possible adoption by the City Council. Policies regarding land use

are subject to review and comment by the Planning Commission, while policies regarding housing may be subject to the jurisdiction of the Lakewood Housing Authority, d/b/a Metro West Housing Solutions. The Housing Policy Commission's authority shall extend to the following enumerated and related areas and in other areas as directed by the City Council:

1. Desired ratio of residential housing relative to commercial development (e.g., retail, office, and light industrial);
 2. Housing density and housing growth;
 3. Impacts of increased housing on infrastructure (e.g., streets and utilities such as electricity, gas and water), public schools and shared community amenities and values (e.g., recreation facilities and parks);
 4. Housing stock diversity, availability, attainability and affordability;
 5. Housing options that are both attainable and affordable for special populations and seniors;
 6. Protecting historic buildings and neighborhood character; and
 7. Housing quality, safety, and sustainability (e.g., alternative energy, energy efficiency, recycling facilities, gardening plots).
- B. If the City Council adopts housing policies recommended by the Housing Policy Commission, those policies will be used to develop legislative goals and to inform the following and additional processes as directed by the City Council:
1. City Council annual planning meetings;
 2. Relevant commissions and committees;
 3. Discussions regarding changes to the City Charter;
 4. Annual budgeting activities;
 5. Ongoing Zoning Code review and revision process;
 6. Economic development efforts and areas of focus;
 7. Departmental prioritization meetings and service plan reviews, for which these policies will or may have decision-making impact, including but not limited to the Planning Department and its Sustainability Division, Community Resources and Public Works; and
 8. Discussions with municipalities that border or provide services to Lakewood or that have a quasi-governmental role in Lakewood, such as special districts.
- C. Commission Priorities. The Commission shall determine its priorities based on those identified at the City Council Annual Planning meeting, or such other later meeting at which City Council priorities are established and shall do so at the next Commission meeting occurring after the meeting at which City Council priorities are set.

2.57.030 Membership and Terms

- A. Membership. The Commission shall consist of six (6) members and include the Mayor and one (1) Councilmember from each Ward. Membership shall be determined using the committee assignment process set forth in the Council Policies and Procedures manual.
- B. Term. Each member shall serve a term of one (1) year.

C. Chair. At its first meeting each calendar year the Commission shall select a chairperson from among the members by simple majority vote.

2.57.040 Staffing

The City Manager shall appoint such City staff to support the Commission as s/he deems necessary. Such staff may include, but is not necessarily limited to, a City Staff Liaison and secretary or clerk.

2.57.050 Meetings

A. The Commission shall hold meetings as necessary and not less than once each calendar year.

B. Voting. In order to allow the City Council to consider the range of proposed policies, the Commission's votes will result in the following dispositions:

1. A majority vote of the Commission members present in favor of a proposed policy shall result in the policy being presented to the City Council with the Housing Policy Commission's recommendation of approval. Proposals that receive a minority of votes will be listed as alternate proposals for City Council consideration; and
2. A tie vote of the Commission members present shall result in the proposed policies being presented in summary form to the City Council with no recommendation. In all cases, a policy presented with no recommendation may nevertheless be adopted by the City Council, rejected by the City Council, or remanded to the Commission.

SECTION 3. Initial Members. The initial Commission members shall be as follows:

Mayor – Adam Paul
Ward 1 – Ramey Johnson
Ward 2 – Sharon Vincent
Ward 3 – Pete Roybal
Ward 4 – Barb Franks
Ward 5 – Karen Harrison

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final publication.

SECTION 5. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance should be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid portion, provided that such remaining portions or application of this Ordinance are not determined by the court to be inoperable.

I hereby attest and certify that the within and foregoing ordinance was introduced and read on first reading at a regular meeting of the Lakewood City Council on the 10th day of June, 2019; published by title in the Denver Post and in full on the City of Lakewood's website, www.lakewood.org, on the 13th day of June, 2019; set for public hearing on the 24th day of June, 2019; read, finally passed and adopted by the City Council on the _____ day of June, 2019; and signed and approved by the Mayor on the _____ day of June, 2019.

Adam Paul, Mayor

ATTEST:

Margy Greer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Timothy P. Cox, City Attorney