

RESOLUTION NO. 06-21

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
GO GREENER COMMISSION BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, the West Lafayette City Council did on July 7, 2008, with Ordinance No. 19-08 add to West Lafayette City Code Article X Chapter 24 the City of West Lafayette Go Greener Commission; and

WHEREAS, following the 2019 West Lafayette City Code revision, the Go Greener Commission is now listed under Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 4; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-343 requires the bylaws and amendments to the bylaws of the Commission be submitted to City Council for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Go Greener Commission bylaws as amended and attached hereto are hereby ratified and approved.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 5 DAY OF April, 2021.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR DeBoer, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 5 DAY OF April, 2021, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 9 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Blanco	✓			
Brown	✓			
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Kang	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Parker	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Thomas	✓			

Peter Bunder
Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA
ON THE 6 DAY OF April, 2021.

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 6 DAY OF
April, 2021.

John R. Dennis
John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk



GO GREENER COMMISSION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this organization is the **WEST LAFAYETTE GO GREENER COMMISSION**, which may be abbreviated as "GGC."

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the WEST LAFAYETTE GO GREENER COMMISSION is to partner with the City of West Lafayette ("City") to promote the sustainable environmental well-being of West Lafayette and all its inhabitants. A sustainable community seeks to enhance the environmental well-being of the community while taking precautions not to compromise the quality of life of future generations. Toward that end, it reduces its use of nonrenewable natural resources and its product. A further purpose of the Commission is to serve as an advisory body to the West Lafayette Mayor ("Mayor"), West Lafayette City Council ("City Council" or "Common Council"), and other city personnel on such matters as may be pertinent, including cost/benefit analyses as applicable.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

Members: The Commission shall consist of any interested persons ("members") to be drawn from government, business, academia, not-for-profits, neighborhood associations, and residents. Membership from outside the City is encouraged.

Commissioners: The Commission shall be represented by thirteen voting members ("Voting Commissioners" or "Commissioners"): three appointed by the Mayor, four appointed by the City Council, five appointed by the Voting Commission itself, and one youth commissioner appointed by the Voting Commission. The youth commissioner shall be a junior or senior in high school, (home school or alternative schooling is allowed as an acceptable high school enrollment), with a primary residence in the city limits of West Lafayette. One of the four City Council appointments shall be a City Council member. No more than five Voting Commissioners shall be non-residents of the City. The initial appointments of five appointed by the Commission shall be made by the four Commissioners appointed by the Common Council together with the three Commissioners appointed by the Mayor.

Terms: Five of the first 13 Commissioners shall be appointed for 1 year, four appointed for two years, and four appointed for 3 years. The youth Commissioner shall be elected in May and serve from August to July of the following year. Notwithstanding the dates of initial appointments by the Mayor and Common Council, and the subsequent appointment of the remaining five Commissioners, the expiration of all initial terms shall be on March 2 of each year, such that initial appointments end on March 2 of 2010, 2011, and 2012. Subsequent appointments shall be for 3-year terms. Commissioners may succeed themselves. A Commissioner may be removed by the vote of ten Voting Commissioners. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the same entity as had made the original appointment. Commissioners shall serve without compensation.

Officers:

1. The officers of this organization shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Communications Chair, who shall be elected by the Voting Commissioners at their first meeting with a quorum present following March 2 of each year and shall serve at the pleasure of the Voting Commissioners.
2. The Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Commission, call special meetings where necessary, and perform other duties customarily performed by a chairperson.
3. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve in the absence, inability, or unwillingness of the Chairperson to act. In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Commission members shall appoint one of the members to act as Chairperson pro tempore. When the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson becomes vacant during the year, the Commission shall elect a successor at the earliest meeting practicable.
4. The Recording Secretary shall take notes for official meetings of the Commissioners and shall transcribe such notes and provide copies to all Commissioners. Such minutes shall be read and approved at the subsequent meeting of the Voting Commissioners. When approved, a copy shall be transmitted to the City Clerk.
5. The youth Commissioner shall represent the youth perspective on all issues discussed by the Commission, be responsible for representing the youth perspective at meetings of the Commission, and request special meetings where youth concerns (where the topic being discussed is expected to highly impact future generations of our community) are applicable.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS, AGENDA, AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Procedures outlined in Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all meetings.

The entire Commission shall meet at least annually.

The Voting Commissioners shall meet monthly. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, or any three Voting Commissioners, with public notice given at least 48 hours in advance. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the appointed Commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

The Chairperson shall develop and provide an agenda for the meeting and public notice of the meeting five calendar days in advance. Items for possible discussion shall be submitted to the Chairperson for consideration. The Chairperson shall decide which items are sufficiently important to require a vote by the full Commission but shall advise the Commission of any such items upon which the Chairperson has taken action at the next regularly scheduled meeting. Any Voting Commissioner may request a vote on the item(s) by the full Voting Commissioners.

The Chairperson shall create such subcommittees as may be required to carry out the duties of the Commission and shall appoint such members as may be interested and qualified. Each subcommittee shall include a Voting Commissioner to serve as a liaison who will report the business of the subcommittee regularly to the Voting Commissioners.

ARTICLE V. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To coordinate ongoing and to propose new sustainability initiatives among West Lafayette residents, businesses, governmental, non-governmental agencies, and

- educational organizations through education and outreach programs.
2. To advise and make recommendations to the West Lafayette City Council, City administration, and City boards and commissions, and/or to the general public on sustainability policies and programs.
 3. To determine, in cooperation with other city boards and commissions, West Lafayette's current and future sustainability status by developing and monitoring a set of sustainability indicators.
 4. To provide, in cooperation with other City boards, commissions, and departments an annual "sustainability assessment" based on selected indicators. The assessment shall be included in an annual report and provided to the City Council, Mayor, and the public.
 5. To advise, consult, and cooperate with other agencies, boards and commissions of the City of West Lafayette, the state, other local governments, industries, other states, interstate or interlocal agencies, and the federal government, and with interested persons or groups on matters of sustainability.
 6. To research and apply for grants or other funds or gifts from public or private agencies for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions or purposes of the Commission.
 7. To elect officers annually by the vote of the Voting Commissioners. The Mayor will appoint a staff liaison to the Commission. The liaison will research and pursue funding opportunities for sustainable development, engage in education and outreach, and identify "best practices." The City administration shall provide general administrative support for the Commission.
 8. To complete other additional duties related to matters of sustainability requested via the Mayor's office or through City Council.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws shall be by affirmative vote of the two-thirds (2/3) of the appointed Commissioners.