

ORDINANCE NO. 15-\_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FOOD POLICY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, food production, processing, distribution, and access significantly affect the public health, land use, economy, and quality of life of the residents of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Colorado Springs should have access to nutritious, affordable, and responsibly grown food; and

WHEREAS, there is no existing organization or body dedicated to addressing the implications of local government policy, programs, operations, and land use as they relate to food and its corresponding impacts on the community; and

WHEREAS, a group of local community members have worked for the past year to assess issues related to our local food system, including hosting community meetings, attending local food week events, partnering with existing work groups and coalitions, and working with the El Paso County Health Department and the Colorado State University Extension in El Paso County, to identify opportunities for the improvement of our local food system including:

- Supporting and reducing barriers for local food producers and entrepreneurs who want to sell local food products,
- Strengthening private property rights to encourage urban agricultural activities,
- Building awareness among residents regarding nutrition, food skills, and the sources of their food,
- Combatting hunger and barriers preventing access to affordable, nutritious food for residents, regardless of their income-level or geographic location,
- Reviewing and assessing the effects of urban land use policies and regulations on the viability of food production, processing, distribution, and access, and
- Establishing a collaborative body to serve as a forum for responding to the needs of the community as it relates to the food system; and

WHEREAS, the community has expressed overwhelming support for the creation of an advisory board to provide ongoing analysis and recommendations to Colorado Springs regarding policies, programs, operations, and land use regulations affecting local food issues; and

WHEREAS, the food industry is important to the economy of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, our natural resources, as well as our environmental and economic well-being, are served by a vibrant and resilient local food system; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Springs City Council (the "City Council") finds it to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens to establish a community board to advise the City Council and Board of Commissioners of El Paso County (the "County Commissioners") on food policy issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. There shall be established a Food Policy Advisory Board (the "Board") for the purpose of advising the City Council and the County Commissioners on matters, policies, programs, operations, and land use rights affecting local food issues. Through vision, leadership, and service the Board will work in an advisory capacity only, and not in a regulatory capacity, for the improvement of the local food system and to transform it into an equitable and sustainable system.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of seven (7) regular members, representing a cross-section of the community, who are El Paso County residents, having, to the extent practicable, knowledge and expertise in the food system sectors of: (i) production, (ii) processing and manufacturing, (iii) distribution, (iv) health education and market development, (v) food recovery, and (vi) food security. Board members will be recommended for appointment by an interview panel comprised of three (3) or more individuals, which panel shall include at least one (1) member of the City Council and one (1) member of the County Commissioners, which members shall be designated, respectively,

by the City Council and the County Commissioners. The interview panel's recommendation(s) for appointment to the Board shall be approved by majority votes of both the City Council and the County Commissioners. Except for the designated Councilmember and Commissioner, the individuals serving on the initial interview panel shall be determined by mutual agreement of the City Council and the County Commissioners. Thereafter, individuals serving on the interview panels shall be determined by the Board.

Board members shall be appointed for up to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. Each member of the initial Board shall serve at least one term and shall be appointed to initial, two (2) or three (3) year terms, determined by lot, so as to achieve staggered appointments. Members of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and the County Commissioners and may be removed by majority votes of both the City Council and the County Commissioners. A simple majority of appointed Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Board members, when acting within the scope of their appointments, shall comply with the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. § 24-6-401 *et seq.*, applying to open meetings of local governments and with the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-201 *et seq.*

Section 4. The Board shall meet at times and locations accessible to the Board and to the public. Moreover, the City Council recommends that such meetings be attended by staff members from the Colorado Springs Planning Department, Pikes Peak Regional Building Department, the El Paso County

Health Department, and the Colorado State University Extension in El Paso County.

Section 5. The Board may, with the approval of the City Council and the County Commissioners, promulgate rules of procedure for its organization and the conduct of its meetings. Such approval shall be by resolution(s) of both the City Council and the County Commissioners. The Board's rules of procedure may include provisions regarding: (i) the election and responsibilities of a chair and vice-chair; calling of special meetings, (ii) the order of business, (iii) preparation, approval, and distribution of agendas and minutes, and (iv) voting methods.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by Charter; provided, however, that such effective date shall not occur prior to the final passage of a County Commissioners' resolution that establishes the Board, consistent with the terms and conditions of this ordinance.

Section 7. Council deems it appropriate that this ordinance be published by title and summary prepared by the City Clerk and that this ordinance shall be available for inspection and acquisition in the office of the City Clerk.

Introduced, read, passed on first reading, and ordered published this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

**Finally passed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Keith King, Council President

Delivered to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mayor's Action:**

- Approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Disapproved on \_\_\_\_\_, based on the following objections:

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Steve Bach, Mayor

**Council Action After Disapproval:**

- Council did not act to override the Mayor's veto.
- Finally adopted on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Council action on \_\_\_\_\_ failed to override the Mayor's veto.

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Keith King, Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk