

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Section 1. Mission Statement.

There is created an Environmental Advisory Committee, consisting of seven persons, who shall serve without compensation.

Using their combined expertise and interest in the environmental field, the Environmental Advisory Committee shall analyze assigned issues, receive and analyze citizen concerns and complaints, formulate options and advise the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 2. Members - Qualifications and Appointment.

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be qualified electors of Albany County, and shall be appointed by the joint action of City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. A minimum of two members shall reside within the corporate limits of the City of Laramie and a minimum of two members shall reside in unincorporated Albany County. Members shall initially be appointed as follows: two for a period of one year, two for a period of two years and three for a period of three years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a full term of three years. All successor members and vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled by appointment resulting from joint action of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners. Members shall be chosen so as to provide a
_ . - diversity of interests from the fields of industry, business, science, and other interested citizens.

Section 3. Members - Length of Terms.

Members of the Committee shall serve until the first Monday of November, following the expiration of the last year of their appointment and it shall be the duty of the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners in the October meeting of each year to appoint successors to the members whose terms expire during each year. The City Council and Board of County Commissioners may, by a majority vote of both bodies, remove any member of the Environmental Advisory Committee whenever it appears that such removal would be in the best interest of the City and County, as determined by those bodies, and shall fill vacancies thereby created by joint action.

Section 4. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman.

Within thirty days after the initial and each annual appointment, the Committee shall convene for the purpose of electing a chairman and a vice-chairman.

Section 5. Secretary and Duties.

A staff representative, jointly appointed by City Council and the Board of County Commissioners, shall serve as secretary of the Committee and shall serve in an advisory capacity. The secretary's duties include keeping the minutes of the regular meetings and

circulating copies of the minutes to Committee members, City Council and the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 6. Meetings.

The Committee shall meet monthly and at such other times as may be requested by City Council or the Board of County Commissioners, at such place as is designated.

Section 7. Duties.

To carry out its mission, the Committee shall do the following:

A. Accept public input concerning environmental problems. Notify the City Council and County Commissioners of environmental problems and suggest methods of investigation of pertinent facts and law. Suggest environmental policy alternatives for consideration by the City Council and County Commissioners.

B. Examine environmental problems and potential problems as requested by the City Council, the Board of County Commissioners, or both. The Committee may examine environmental problems and potential problems brought to its attention by citizens. By way of illustration, the examination may develop background information, data concerning specific problems, and potential solutions. The Committee shall assist the City Council and Board of County Commissioners in defining the scope of proposed investigations.

C. Recommend specific action necessary to protect and maintain a clean environment throughout Albany County.

D. In cooperation with the City Council, the Board of County Commissioners, or both, the Committee shall propose areas of concern which it wants to investigate.

E. Make reports to the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners concerning the Committee's method of investigation, results, and recommendations for action.

F. The City Council and County Commissioners are ultimately responsible to the voters for establishing policy. All communication which expresses any official position shall be submitted to Council or the Commissioners for approval before it is made. When specifically requested to do so by an agent of the City or County, the Committee shall prepare correspondence for signature by either or both the City Council and Board of County Commissioners.

Section 8. Removal of member - Filling Vacancies.

In a joint action, the City Council and Board of County Commissioners may, by a majority vote of each body, remove any member of the Committee whenever it appears that such removal would be in the best interests of the City and County, as determined by the City Council and Board of County Commissioners, and shall fill vacancies created by the resignation, death or removal of any member, in accordance with provisions of Section 2.