

CHAPTER 65
“CITIZENS’ COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION”

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65.01 DEFINITIONS.

- a) For the purposes of this Chapter 65, the following words shall have the meanings hereinafter assigned to them.
 - 1. Commission: Citizens’ Community Enhancement Commission of the City of DeKalb.
 - 2. Improvement: Any building, structure, place, parking facility, fence, gate, wall, work of art, or other object constituting a physical betterment of real property, or any part of such betterment.
 - 3. Property: A distinct parcel of real property which is assigned a separate tax parcel number by the DeKalb County Supervisor of Assessments.

65.02 PURPOSE AND CREATION.

- a) Purpose. The purpose of the Commission shall be to prepare, analyze, recommend and implement a plan to further enhance the appearance, quality of life and reputation of the City of DeKalb.
- b) Creation. There is hereby created a Commission which shall consist of seven (7), who shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Commission members shall be from among the membership of local civic, educational, commercial, eleemosynary and philanthropic organizations, to the extent that such persons are available in the community and may include other persons who have demonstrated special interest, knowledge or experience, in planning, public relations, marketing, history, neighborhood preservation or related disciplines. The members shall reside within the City of DeKalb. The City Manager shall designate a staff liaison to the Commission.

65.03 MEMBERSHIP.

The Citizens’ Community Enhancement Commission shall be comprised of seven (7) members, with each member appointed by the Mayor generally serving for a three (3) year term. Any appointment to the Commission by the Mayor, whether as an initial appointment or a reappointment, may be for a period of one to three years as determined by the Mayor, with the term of appointment being established in order to facilitate even turnover of membership in following years. Any member may be reappointed for such number of terms as determined to be appropriate by the Mayor; there shall be no limit on reappointment. All terms shall end on December 31.

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Training: Each member shall be required to complete the Open Meetings Act (OMA) electronic training no later than the 90th day after their appointment (including any reappointment).

Compensation: Each member shall serve without compensation.

Removal: The Mayor, with a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote of the City Council members then holding office, may remove a member at any Regular City Council meeting.

65.04 OFFICERS.

- a) The chair shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council for a term of two (2) years. The Commission shall elect from its membership a vice-chair. The chair shall preside over meetings. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall perform the duties of the chair. The Commission shall adopt its own bylaws and rules of order not inconsistent with this Chapter 65.

65.05 MEETINGS.

The Commission shall meet during the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November, or as often as necessary to carry out its assigned duties.

Persons wishing to make public comment during a meeting shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

65.06 QUORUM.

- a) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members holding office. All recommendations to the City Council shall be made by a majority vote of those members present where a quorum exists.

65.07 DUTIES AND POWERS.

- a) The Commission shall have three (3) categories of duties and powers; the first, shall deal with developing a strategic long-range plan which will identify problem areas in the City’s image and reputation, develop and recommend potential solutions to those problem areas and participate in the implementation of such solutions; the second, shall deal with the public relations and marketing issues that arise in the course of furthering a positive and welcoming image of the City; and, the third, shall deal with oversight and review of various programs to beautify and improve the appearance of the City of DeKalb.
1. The Commission shall engage in marketing and public relations efforts, in concert with local civic, commercial, educational and philanthropic organizations, to further a positive and welcoming image of the City.
 2. The Commission shall provide oversight and review of various programs to improve the overall appearance of the City, including, but not limited to, beautification projects and awards programs.
 3. The Commission shall have the power to retain consultants to advise the Commission. Any contract retaining such consultant, which involves an expenditure of City funds shall be subject to approval of the City Council.
 4. To actively seek out those private and governmental sources of financial aid for those efforts to further a positive and welcoming image of the City.

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5. To perform such other and further functions as may be directed by the City Council, from time to time.