

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2017-037

*Creating the City of Columbia Food Policy Committee*

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WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council to create a Food Policy Committee to educate residents, businesses and governments on issues and concerns of accessibility and affordability of healthy foods; insure the production, consumption, processing, distribution and disposal of food items; and promote sustainability and economic development to grow our local food economy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council this 18th day of April, 2017:

1. That there is hereby created the City of Columbia Food Policy Committee.
2. The 15 member Committee shall be appointed and approved by the Mayor and City Council and shall be comprised of farmers, food experts, residents and business leaders. Committee positions shall be voluntary in nature and such positions shall not be considered as being an employee, agent, nor an elected official of the City of Columbia, South Carolina and as such cannot legally bind or obligate the City in transactions with others.
3. The Committee shall include City staff as designated by the City Manager.
4. The terms for non-staff members shall be for two (2) years, commencing May 1, 2017, with no person serving more than two (2) consecutive terms of service.
5. A quorum shall consist of a majority of those members present at a meeting of the committee.
6. The Committee shall gather and address problems found within food production, consumption, processing, distribution, and waste disposal with the primary focus on finding solutions to problems that promote sustainability, economic development, and social justice in the food system of the Columbia and surrounding areas by educating government officials about issues of the food system, making policy recommendations, research, fostering of cooperation among private, public, and non-profit interests.
7. The Committee can hold public hearings on proposed regulations in order to determine the impact and alternative procedures to minimize any negative effect on farmers and the food industry.
8. City Council shall have the final vote on approval or disapproval of recommendations.
9. The Committee shall hold public meetings monthly.

Requested by:

Mayor Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mayor

Approved by:

  
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City Manager

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

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