

ORDINANCE NO. 2474  
INTRODUCED BY: Padilla

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO,  
ADOPTING ARTICLE 2-33 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CREATION  
OF A SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton (the "City") recognizes the importance of sustainability in long-term planning, policy development, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the *Brighton Municipal Code* are necessary to better implement science and evidence-based initiatives, programs, and policies within the City; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 9.1 provides, in pertinent part, that City Council may, by ordinance, establish, consolidate, or abolish any board or commission, except the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment and Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a Sustainability Advisory Board to provide guidance and advise the City Council and City staff on sustainability issues; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the proposed additions to the *Brighton Municipal Code* and has determined that it is in the best interests of the City to adopt a new article to create the Sustainability Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article 2-33 is hereby adopted and titled "Sustainability Advisory Board" as follows:

Sec. 2-33-10. - Title.

There is hereby established a Sustainability Advisory Board ("Board").

Sec. 2-33-20. - Purpose.

The Board created under this Article shall study, review, conduct research, and make recommendations to implement science and evidence-based initiatives, programs, and policies with the goal of achieving a healthy and sustainable ecosystem for all Brighton residents. The Board will work on projects included in the 2024 City of Brighton Sustainability Plan, which may be amended from time to time, and any future sustainability planning documents. These projects will be focused on community engagement, energy conservation, waste diversion, air quality, and resiliency, amongst others. The Board may provide leadership and education for sustainability initiatives, events, and programs. Additional sustainability programs and projects may be included in workplans as the needs of the community, or the sustainability staff change, and the implementation of the Sustainability Plan progresses.

Sec. 2-33-30. - Powers and duties.

The Board shall have all the powers granted herein and shall perform all duties as provided herein.

- (1) The Board will advise the City Council and the Sustainability Division on programs and initiatives that advance sustainability.
- (2) The Board may request specific research or invite subject-matter experts to present at Board meetings or joint meetings with the City Council.
- (3) The Board will provide feedback to staff and Council on projects included in the 2024 Sustainability Plan, amendments thereto, and any future sustainability planning documents.
- (4) The Board may offer assistance with educational activities, events, and other community engagement functions.
- (5) The Board may develop a position or advise the City Council on matters involving sustainability.
- (6) The Board shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of meetings and for defining the duties of the Board's members, officers, and committees.

Sec. 2-33-40. - Membership.

The Board shall be composed of seven (7) voting members, all of whom must reside in the City or have significant ties to the City, including but not limited to attending school within the City, working at a business with a physical location in the City, or other evidence of substantial and/or significant ties to the City. The members of the Board shall be appointed as follows:

- (1) Five (5) at-large members appointed by the Mayor with approval of the majority of the City Council;
- (2) One (1) ex officio City Council member and one alternate who shall be appointed by the Mayor;
- (3) Two (2) youth members, defined as ages 15-20, shall represent the community at large and shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

Sec. 2-33-50. - Terms of office.

- (1) The terms of office for members of the Board shall expire on January 31 and begin on February 1. The terms of office of the Board shall be as follows: The term of office for the members appointed from City Council shall be the same as their tenure in office and subject to change by the Mayor. Subsequent to the initial appointment, the terms of office for all other members shall be three (3) years and shall serve no more than (4) four consecutive terms or until a successor has been appointed.
- (2) Absences and vacancies shall be addressed in the bylaws, including removal due to absences. Any removal pursuant to the bylaws shall be reported to the City Clerk.
- (3) Initial appointments shall be made as follows:
  - a. Three at-large members shall be appointed for a three-year initial term;
  - b. Two of the at-large members shall be appointed for a two-year initial term;

- c. One youth member shall be appointed for a two-year initial term; and
- d. One youth member shall be appointed for a three-year initial term.

Sec. 2-33-60 – Organization and rules.

At the first meeting of the year, the Board shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from among its regular members, each of whose term shall be for one (1) year, with eligibility for reelection. The Board shall keep a record of its proceedings through approved minutes, which record shall be a public record. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members.

Section 2. For the first applicants and appointments, City staff may conduct the interviews of candidates and make recommendations to the City Council for appointment until at least five members have been appointed. After the initial five appointments, the board shall conduct interviews of applicants and recommend appointments, unless or until City Council changes such interview procedure.

Section 3. As provided in City Charter Section 5.9(A), this Ordinance, either as presented or as amended, shall be published in full as it was adopted after the initial reading. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after its final publication, as provided in City Charter Section 5.8.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025.

PASSED ON FINAL READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO

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GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:

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NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

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