

CHAPTER 274
Environmental Commission

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274.01 ESTABLISHMENT.

There is hereby established in and for the Village a Commission, which shall be known as the Environmental Commission, for conservation and improvement of the environment.

(1971 Code §153.01; Ord. 90-15. Passed 12-17-90.)

274.02 MEMBERSHIP; CHAIRPERSON; QUORUM.

The Environmental Commission shall consist of seven members, to be appointed by Council. One member shall be a member of Council, appointed to serve at the pleasure of Council. Six members shall be appointed for three-year terms. Of those six members, up to two members can be residents of Miami Township, outside of the Village limits. The Commission shall select its own Chairperson annually. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, his or her successor shall be appointed by Council to serve for the unexpired period of the term for which such member had been appointed. Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

(1971 Code §153.02; Ord. 90-15. Passed 12-17-90; Ord. 2002-11. Passed 12-2-02; Ord. 2004-07. Passed 2-17-04.)

274.03 POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Environmental Commission shall:

- (a) Advise Council on matters affecting the preservation, development and use of the natural and man-made features and conditions of the Village insofar as beauty, quality, biological integrity and other environmental factors are concerned. In addition, the Commission shall advise Council on any major threats posed to environmental quality which may result from man's activities and developments.
- (b) Develop and conduct programs of public information in the community designed to foster increased understanding of the nature of environmental problems and issues and support for their solutions;
- (c) Conduct studies, surveys and inventories of the natural and man-made features within the Village and such other studies and surveys as may be necessary to carry on the general purposes of this chapter;
- (d) Maintain an up-to-date inventory or index of all open spaces in public or private ownership within the Village, including, but not limited to, natural landmarks and parks, streams and other wetlands, unique biotic communities and scenic and other open areas of natural or ecological value, and of the ownership, present use and proposed use of such open areas, so as to provide a base of information for recommendations by the Commission for their preservation and/or use;
- (e) Seek to coordinate, assist and unify the efforts of private groups, institutions and individuals within the Village and Miami Township in accordance with the purposes of this chapter;
- (f) Maintain liaison and communications with public and private agencies and organizations of local, State and national scope whose programs and activities have an impact on the quality of the environment or which can be of assistance to the Commission;
- (g) Working in cooperation with the Planning Commission, recommend from time to time to Council features, plans and programs relating to environmental improvement for inclusion in the Master Plan of the Village. Also, the Commission should recommend to Council appropriate and desirable changes in existing local laws and ordinances relating to environmental control or recommend new local laws and ordinances.
- (h) Carry out such other duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by Council.

The Commission may request fund appropriations from Council for expenses for a professional staff, consultants and clerical assistance and any other reasonable

expenses.

(1971 Code §153.03; Ord. 90-15. Passed 12-17-90.)

2000 Replacement

274.04 REPORTS.

The Environmental Commission shall submit an annual report to Council concerning the activities and work of the Commission and from time to time shall submit such reports and recommendations as may be necessary to fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

(1971 Code §153.04; Ord. 90-15. Passed 12-17-90.)

274.05 COMPENSATION.

The members of the Environmental Commission shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof.

(1971 Code §153.05; Ord. 90-15. Passed 12-17-90.)