

# VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH

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**ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**OF THE**

**VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS**

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**WHEREAS**, Environmental preservation and enhancement has been, and remains, one of the key issues coming before local governmental authorities, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Antioch has for many years acknowledged its unique location in an environmentally sensitive area composed of a wealth of lakes, streams, woods and wetlands, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has long taken pride in being a duly designated "Tree City USA", and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board wishes to continue to lead in the area of fostering sound policies which encourage local residents and businesses to engage in environmentally friendly activities, including, but by no means limited to, plantings, erosion control, stream and lake management, conservation of natural resources, limiting fossil fuel utilization and limiting the emission of so-called greenhouse gases and other chemicals into the atmosphere and the waters surrounding the Village, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board wishes further to formally establish a commission composed of citizens and business persons to investigate, evaluate and advise it on directives that could help Antioch preserve and enhance the environmentally friendly quality of life that it currently enjoys for its citizens, their children and ultimately, their posterity,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION ONE:** Title 2 of the Antioch Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following Chapter 9, which shall hereafter read as follows:

**Chapter 9  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**2-9-1: COMMISSION ESTABLISHED:**

A. **Membership; Duration:** The village environmental commission is hereby established to consist of nine (9) regular members. The members, including one specifically designated to serve as Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Village Board to staggered terms. Initially, three members and a Chairperson shall be appointed to two year terms, and three members shall be appointed to four year terms. All subsequent appointments shall be for four year terms unless the appointment is to fill an existing vacancy to complete an unexpired term. Each term shall commence on May 1 of the year of appointment and shall expire on April 30 of the last year of the term.

B. Rules Of Operation: The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings unless absent, in which case, a temporary Chair of the meeting shall be designated by motion of the members present. A quorum shall consist of at least five (5) members and no action shall be taken except in the presence of a quorum. The Village Clerk shall serve as the clerk of the commission, and shall appoint such person(s) as the Clerk may deem appropriate to fulfill the duties of attending the meetings, taking the minutes and returning the same to the Clerk for maintenance of all official meeting minutes and records with the other official records of the Village. The commission shall further promulgate such other rules and regulations relative to its operation and any other rules and regulations that it deems necessary and proper for the administration of its assigned tasks and responsibilities so long as the same are consistent with the provisions of this Chapter, and it shall timely present such rules and regulations to the Village Board for its ultimate approval prior to implementation.

C. Meetings: Meetings, places, dates and times shall be at times and places convenient to the public as determined by the commission, and a schedule of such meeting shall be posted at Village Hall and on the Village's website. Special meetings may be called at the regular meetings or may be called by the chair of the commission with written notice posted at the Village Hall and on the Village website not less than forty-eight (48) hours before any special meeting. While an advisory board is not technically required to meet the requirements of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 et. seq.), the commission shall make every effort to comply with the provisions thereof and all of its meetings shall be open and accessible to the public.

#### **2-9-2: PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the environmental commission is advisory in nature and as such, all acts of the commission, other than its internal administrative acts, shall be by action of the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees. The primary focus of the commission's activities shall be to research, investigate, consider, report on and assist the Village Board in taking actions or adopting ordinances and policies which foster environmentally sound activities, whether in the area of conservation or improvement of the greater Antioch environment.

#### **2-9-3: POWERS AND DUTIES:**

A. Projects: The commission shall be charged with the following specific tasks, and it is encouraged to take these tasks and expand them as necessary or appropriate to provide sound guidance to the Village Board on environmental issues:

1. Identify areas in need of environmental action;
2. Recommend courses of action to be taken to improve or preserve the local environment;
3. Research and recommend courses of action to save tax dollars through conservation and reduction of energy usage by the public body;

4. Recommend action that will enhance the natural beauty of Antioch or restore areas which have become degraded over time or through man-made forces;
5. Recommend methods of providing educational opportunities and information to local citizens on environmental topics and conservation;
6. Suggest that the Village Board consider any grants or other funding opportunities for environmental projects that the Commission may learn of, detailing any positive and negative aspects of applying for or accepting any such funds that it may have knowledge of. It shall not, however, be the responsibility of the Commission to actively seek grants or to serve as a grant-writing body.

B. Activities: The commission shall take no final action relative to the expenditure of money, the hiring of personnel, the condemnation of property, the purchasing of property or any other actions necessary toward the implementation of an environmental project unless specifically directed to do so by formal act of the Village Board. The commission shall coordinate and work with such volunteers that may be interested to work on such projects and activities that the Village Board shall approve, provided that any such activities shall be coordinated with the Village Administrator to ensure that all necessary or desirable equipment and safety protocols are in place.

**SECTION TWO:** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

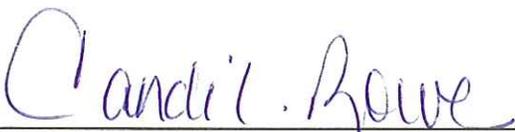
PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2010.

AYES: 6: Pierce, Poulos, Sakas, Crosby, Wolczyk and Jozwiak.

NAYS: 0.

ABSENT: 0.

  
LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

  
CANDI L. ROWE, VILLAGE CLERK



