

STATE OF TEXAS           X  
COUNTY OF BEXAR       X  
CITY OF CONVERSE       X

ORDINANCE # 103-2-2017

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONVERSE ESTABLISHING A KEEP CONVERSE BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION AND AMENDING THE CITY OF CONVERSE’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING ARTICLE III. - BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 9 SECTION 2.227, THROUGH 2.232; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE AND A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

WHEREAS, The City Council of Converse, Texas has determined after citizen input that the creation of a Keep Converse Beautiful Commission would be in the best interest of the City of Converse and is necessary and proper for the carrying out of the City of Converse’s litter abatement and beautification programs.

WHEREAS, the city council believes that creating a specific commission charge with beautifying Converse would make Converse a more attractive place to live, work and raise a family;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONVERSE:

That the Code of Ordinances, City of Converse, Texas, is hereby amended by adding to ARTICLE III. - BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS, a section, to be numbered which said section reads as follows:

**SECTION 2.227. PURPOSE.**

That a Keep Converse Beautiful Commission is hereby created for the purpose of assisting the City Council in establishing a citywide policy for city beautification and decreasing the amount of litter in the city.

**SECTION 2.228. MEMBERS**

That the Commission provided for herein shall be comprised of a minimum of seven (7) up to fifteen (15) members to be nominated by, and approved by, the City Council and shall be residents of the City or have a business in the City. The board shall consist of representatives from business and industry, media, community organizations, education, and members at large.

Four (or more) members of the Commission originally appointed shall be for a term of one (1) year. Three (or more) members of the Commission originally appointed shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, the term of each Commission member shall be two (2) years. No Commission member shall serve three (3) successive terms. Provided, however, that a Commission member appointed to complete the term of another Commission member shall, at the completion of such term, be eligible for

appointment for another full term; and provided further, that one place shall always be filled by a city employee who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the commission.

#### **SECTION 2.229. DIRECTOR.**

The Director shall be appointed by the City Manager from the existing City staff-preferably the Director of Community Development. The Director shall be custodian of all minutes and records of the Commission and perform such other duties as the Commission may deem necessary and consistent with both the responsibilities of the Commission and his/her responsibilities to the City of Converse through the City Manager. The Director shall work under the supervision and control of Converse City Manager for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this ordinance.

#### **SECTION 2.230. MEETINGS.**

A simple majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The members of the Commission shall regularly attend meetings and serve without compensation except for reimbursement of authorized expenses attendant to the performance of their duties.

The Commission shall hold an organizational meeting in January of each year and shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its members before proceeding to any other matters of business. The Commission shall meet regularly and shall designate the time and place of its meetings.

Each month a report shall be submitted to the City Council showing the cumulative attendance of each member with notation of members who have been absent from three (3) consecutive meetings.

All meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the notice provisions as required by law and open to the general public in accordance with the Texas Open Records and Open Meetings Act. Section 551 Texas Government Code.

#### **SECTION 2.231. RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The Commission shall recommend policies related to litter prevention, beautification and community improvement, and the minimization of solid waste to the City Council so all city activities might follow a common purpose. The Commission shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) Develop citywide refuse and environmental policy plan(s);
- (b) Evaluate city actions in light of that policy;
- (c) Determine and recommend to the City Council management and program priorities on a citywide basis;
- (d) Recommend enforcement and additional program alternatives;

- (e) Monitor city performance from data collected and examined under the Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc. affiliate requirements and make an annual report to the City Council and to the State Keep Texas Beautiful Commission, and;
- (f) Carry out such other tasks as the City Council may designate.

To accomplish these responsibilities, the Commission may establish sub-committees such as, but not limited to, the areas of Business and Industry, Communications, Education, Finance/Fundraising, and Cleanup.

A Commission member will chair each sub-committee with an unspecified number of community volunteers chosen by the Commission as working sub-committee members.

**SECTION 2.232. BUDGET.**

The City Manager, within Council-imposed budgetary restraints, shall also supply additional funds for Commission activities involving travel or training for the Director.

**SECTION 2.233. SEVERABILITY.**

That it is hereby declared to the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of the Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or illegal by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality or illegality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, or paragraphs and sections of the Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional or illegal phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

PASSED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

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Al Suarez  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Holly Nagy  
City Secretary