

ORDINANCE NO. 2196

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE HEALTHY EATING ACTIVE LIVING COMMITTEE (HEAL COMMITTEE) TO SERVE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELOIT, KANSAS, IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO HEALTHY EATING, ACTIVE LIVING, AND THE CITY OF BELOIT'S OVERALL HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE AND ESTABLISHING SAID COMMITTEE'S FUNCTIONS, DUTIES AND AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, active living and healthy eating reduces the risk of chronic disease, enhances physical and mental health and brings members of our community together and by creating a healthy community we enhance our rural community and help attract new citizens to our city.

WHEREAS, active communities are created when diverse groups, decision-makers and the community places value on and works towards health, safety, and an improved quality of life for the entire community.

WHEREAS, access to healthy and nutritious food is a priority and such food should be accessible and convenient for all in the community.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELOIT, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Healthy Eating Active Living Committee (HEAL Committee) Created.

There is hereby created and established a Healthy Eating Active Living Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) to serve the Governing Body of the City of Beloit and the Beloit Planning Commission, which Committee shall have the functions, duties, and authority prescribed herein.

SECTION 2. Membership and Vacancies.

The Committee shall consist of six to eight members to be appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the Governing Body. Members of the committee shall include:

- Beloit City Administrator;
- One Beloit City Council Member;
- One member of the Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation staff or Board of Directors;
- One administrator from a local school district or college;
- One member of the NCK AWARE group; and
- One to three members at large

Any vacancies may be filled for the remaining term by appointment by the Mayor with the consent of the Governing Body. All members of the Committee shall serve without pay. The members at large shall serve staggered two year terms.

SECTION 3. Functions, Duties, and Authority.

The Committee shall have the following functions, duties, and authority:

1. Serve as an advisory committee to the Beloit City Council and Beloit Planning Commission;
2. Coordinate and collaborate with residents, all levels of government, developers, the health sector, schools, economic development, and businesses;
3. Assist in recommending policies to the governing body that direct mindful decisionmaking to include healthy eating standards and active living infrastructure;
4. Assist in the development of the community planning goals and design decisions that place importance on active living and recreation to develop and progress the health and accessibility of our community;
5. Assist in the planning of infrastructure that includes reliable walking and biking routes with connected pathways and signage;
6. Explore means for improving access to healthy and nutritious foods;
7. Develop educational material that widely communicates the benefits of healthy eating and active living; and
8. Bring to the attention of the City new programs and opportunities.

SECTION 4. Officers.

The Committee shall each year elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

SECTION 5. Meetings and Records.

The Committee shall determine meeting times and places. Special meetings may be held on call of the Chairman. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The Committee shall cause a proper record to be kept of its proceedings.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication one time in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Governing Body of the City of Beloit, Kansas this 15th day of November, 2016.

Tom Naasz
Tom Naasz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Rosebaugh
Jessica Rosebaugh, Deputy City Clerk

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