

**AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTIONS OF THE TOWN CODE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (2024-11-20/O-1)**

WHEREAS, some Council members petitioned for Town staff to assess Town advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, over fourteen months, Town staff have conducted that assessment using multiple lenses, including an equity lens; and

WHEREAS, that assessment identified three shared interests of 1) meaningful, diverse public input and equitable community engagement 2) good stewardship of staff and community resources, and 3) clear, common understanding of roles and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that the Town's advisory boards and commissions were created before the Town committed to and invested in equitable engagement; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that while the Town has implemented policies and procedures aimed at increasing board diversity, those policies and procedures have not significantly increased board diversity; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that the Town spends an estimated \$120,000 annually on staff support for advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, that assessment found that many advisory boards and commissions were created to advance a priority that is now being staffed and funded by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town has committed to equitable engagement and has professionally trained staff to implement equitable engagement strategies and tactics; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council can create time-limited, issue-focused working groups and task forces that can be formed with equitable practices and procedures from the start.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council amends the Code of Ordinances, Town of Chapel Hill, North Carolina as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 2, Article VII. Human Services Advisory Board is hereby repealed to disband the Human Services Advisory Board, and added is "Sec. 2-120 through Sec. 2-124. – Reserved."

**Section 2.** Chapter 2, Article VIII. Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board is hereby repealed to disband the Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board, and added is "Sec. 2-130 through Sec. 2-135. – Reserved."

**Section 3.** Chapter 2, Article IX. Chapel Hill Public Library Advisory Board is hereby repealed to disband the Chapel Hill Public Library Advisory Board, and added is "Sec. 2-140 through Sec. 2-144. – Reserved."

**Section 4.** Chapter 2, Article XI. Housing Advisory Board is hereby repealed to disband the Housing Advisory Board, and added is "Sec. 2-160 through Sec. 2-165. – Reserved."

**Section 5.** Chapter 2, Article XII. Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board is hereby repealed to disband the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board, and added is "Sec. 2-170 through Sec. 2-175. – Reserved."

**Section 6.** Chapter 2, Article XIII. Cultural Arts Commission is hereby repealed to disband the Cultural Arts Commission, and added is "Sec. 2-176 through Sec. 2-180. – Reserved."

**Section 7.** Chapter 12, Article II. Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission is hereby repealed to disband the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation Commission, and added is "Sec. 12-16 through Sec. 12-23. – Reserved."

**Section 8.** Chapter 12, Article I. Sec. 23-11 through Sec. 23-17 is hereby repealed to disband the Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board, and added is "Sec. 12-16 through Sec. 12-23. – Reserved."

**Section 9.** This ordinance is effective upon enactment.

This the 2nd day of December, 2024.

*Voted to Approve on first reading on November 20, 2024.*

*Scheduled for enactment after approval on second reading on December 2, 2024.*