

**RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHMENT OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

Amended by City Council on January 20, 1987 by adding I and J under Article II: Purposes.

WHEREAS, the Northville Beautification Commission was established by City Ordinance on February 20, 1967, and has served the City faithfully since that time; and

WHEREAS, the expanding scope of the Beautification Commission's activities warrant re-establishing it on a broader community base;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northville Beautification Commission is hereby re-established under Articles of Organization, as follows:

**NORTHVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION**

Article I: Name:

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Northville Beautification Commission.

Article II: Purposes:

Section 1. The purposes of the Commission shall be as follows:

- A. To promote public education against the discarding of litter in streets, alleys, sidewalks, gutters, parks and other public places.
- B. To encourage developers, absentee owners and businessmen to accept basic responsibilities in preserving and enhancing the beauty of public and private properties.
- C. To sponsor, plan, and promote special fix-up, paint-up, clean-up campaigns.
- D. To investigate, study, and recommend plans for improving the general health, sanitation, safety, and cleanliness of our City.
- E. To encourage the planting and preservation of trees, flowers, and shrubbery.
- F. To sponsor a program of general improvement of appearance of all properties in Northville.
- G. To participate in such beautification programs as the Commission may find beneficial, such as Arbor Day, the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan, and Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc.
- H. To enlist the active support of interested individuals, businesses, industry, schools, and civic organizations that would share the same objectives.

- I. To review all construction projects on City-owned land, for the purpose of making recommendations for landscaping and other related beautification matters related to said projects. (Amended 1-20-87)
- J. To review all proposals by private citizens or groups to decorate or beautify City-owned property, on either a temporary or permanent basis; to approve or reject such proposals; and to oversee implementation of such proposals if approval is given. (Amended 1-20-87)

Article III: Membership

Section 1. The Commission shall consist of not less than nine (9) and not more than eighteen (18) members.

Members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of City Council, and shall serve without compensation.

Membership shall generally be restricted to individuals residing within a five-mile radius of City Hall or those having business interests within the City of Northville who can regularly attend Commission meetings.

Individuals with special talents advantageous to the Commission but who do not meet the above requirements may be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of City Council, upon recommendations from the Commission supported by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Commission, but such appointees shall not constitute more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total Commission membership.

Section 2. The term of office of members of the Commission shall be three (3) years, with all terms expiring on June 30th. New members shall be appointed for the unexpired portions of normal three-year terms, with the number of expiring terms each year being kept as equal as possible.

Section 3. Members may be removed for any cause by a majority vote of the City Council. Recommendations by the Commission to City Council for the removal of members shall be supported by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Commission. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4. The members of the former Beautification Commission, and their respective terms of office, shall constitute the initial membership of this Commission.

Article IV: Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The Commission Officers shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

Section 2. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Commission and shall have the duties normally conferred on such an officer under parliamentary procedure.

The Chairperson shall have the privilege of discussing all matters brought before the Commission and shall have the same voting rights as any other Commissioner.

Section 3. The Vice-Chairperson shall act for the Chairperson in his absence. In the event that both Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, the Secretary shall preside.

Section 4. The Secretary shall maintain a record of the proceedings of the Commission, in such a manner as the City Clerk directs, and consistent with the records of other City Boards.

Article V: Election of Officers

Section 1. Nomination and election of officers shall take place annually at the first regular meeting following June 30.

Section 2. A candidate receiving a majority vote of the entire membership of the Commission shall be declared as elected and shall serve for one year, the term of office to commence with the first regular meeting following June 30.

Section 3. Vacancies in offices shall be filled immediately, following regular election procedures.

Article VI: Removal of Officers

Section 1. Removal of Officers shall be by not less than two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire membership of the Commission. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1. The Commission shall meet at least once each month April through October, except when meetings are rescheduled or waived by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Commission.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or two (2) members of the Commission, and notification shall be given to all members.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of the smallest number of members which is larger than half of the total membership.

Section 4. The Officers and Commissioners shall take due notice of the State Open Meetings Act and the Charter of the City of Northville and shall take no action inconsistent with them.

Section 5. Any resolution already voted on may be brought up for reconsideration by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Commission.

Section 6. Parliamentary procedure shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, except as provided otherwise in these Articles.

Article VIII: Budget and City Support

Section 1. The Commission shall annually prepare and present to the City Council an estimate of any necessary costs and expenses required to carry on the work of the Commission.

Section 2. The Commission is authorized to request of the City Manager such necessary assistance and cooperation as may be necessary to assist the Commission in carrying out its purposes.

Article IX: Conduct of Commissioners

Section 1. No single member of the Commission shall undertake or act in an official capacity representing the Commission without prior consent of the Commission.

Article X: Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these Articles may be adopted as recommendations at any regular meeting upon a majority vote of the entire membership of the Commission, and shall take effect upon approval by the City Council.

Adopted by City Council Resolution on November 15, 1982.

Amended by City Council on January 20, 1987.

Amended by City Council on April 5, 2021.