



AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item number: 3d

Title:	Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 2 of the St. Charles Municipal Code, Entitled “Administration”, Chapter 2.25 “Housing Commission” by amending Section 2.25.020 “Purposes” and Section 2.25.050 “Powers and Duties”.
Presenter:	Ellen Johnson

Meeting: Planning & Development Committee

Date: October 9, 2017

Proposed Cost: N/A

Budgeted Amount: N/A

Not Budgeted:

Executive Summary *(if not budgeted please explain):*

At the September 11, 2017 joint meeting of the City Council and Housing Commission, changes to Chapter 2.25 “Housing Commission” of Title 2 of the St. Charles Municipal Code were discussed, specifically changes to Section 2.25.020 “Purposes” and Section 2.25.050 “Powers and Duties”.

As discussed at the joint meeting, the Housing Commission has recommended changes to these sections in an effort to better reflect their role as an advisory commission to the City Council in matters related to affordable housing.

These changes are now proposed as an amendment to the Municipal Code.

Attachments *(please list):*

Redline of Changes; Proposed Ordinance

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

Recommendation to approve an Ordinance Amending Title 2 of the St. Charles Municipal Code, Entitled “Administration”, Chapter 2.25 “Housing Commission” by amending Section 2.25.020 “Purposes” and Section 2.25.050 “Powers and Duties”.

Chapter 2.25 of the St. Charles Municipal Code entitled “Housing Commission”

Section 2.25.020 “Purposes”

The purposes of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Advise the City Council on matters related to affordable housing policy;
- B. Preserve and maintain the existing affordable housing stock;
- C. ~~Maintain/~~Increase the availability of ~~attainable/~~affordable housing for all members of the community. ~~by working with the private sector and major employers in the community.~~
- D. Promote public awareness of the need for affordable housing;
- E. ~~Encourage and guide market forces to build new homes that meet the St. Charles Housing Endorsement Criteria, and~~

Section 2.25.050 “Powers and Duties”

The Commission may perform and exercise the following powers and duties:

- A. Provide advice to the City Council for increasing, retaining and rehabilitating affordable housing stock within the City of St. Charles by evaluating, setting priorities, and recommending affordable housing programs and policies, examples of which include Housing Trust Fund, Community Land Trust, Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, density bonus, fee-in-lieu of provision, etc.;
- B. Coordinate with other communities and governmental agencies in meeting the housing needs of low-income and moderate-income families in the a community;
- C. Establish liaisons with other groups interested in affordable housing in the City and the surrounding area;
- D. Work with ~~area~~ builders and developers in implementing affordable housing programs;
- E. Work with builders, developers, and community stakeholders to promote public awareness of the need for affordable housing;
- F. Develop programs that will assist in accessing new funding opportunities at the local, state and federal levels;
- G. Identify possible revenue streams to create and preserve homes that are priced to meet the needs of low- to moderate-income families;
- H. ~~Evaluate expansion of the City’s Employer Assisted Housing as a tool to leverage private sector investment in workforce housing options; and~~
- I. Create mechanisms for increasing public awareness and educating residents regarding the needs for affordable/~~attainable~~ housing.

City of St. Charles
Ordinance No. 2017-M-

An Ordinance Amending Title 2, “Administration”, Chapter 2.25 “Housing Commission”, Section 2.25.020 “Purposes” and Section 2.25.050 “Powers and Duties” of the St. Charles Municipal Code

WHEREAS, the City of St. Charles has established a Housing Commission to address housing issues of concern to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after discussion with the Housing Commission, deems it is necessary to update and add clarification to the purposes and powers and duties of the Housing Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CHARLES, KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. That Title 2, “Administration”, Chapter 2.25 “Housing Commission”, Section 2.25.020 “Purposes” of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting said Section 2.25.020 in its entirety and by substituting the following therefor:

“2.25.020 Purposes

The purposes of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Advise the City Council on matters related to affordable housing policy;
- B. Preserve and maintain the existing affordable housing stock;
- C. Increase the availability of affordable housing for all members of the community;
- D. Promote public awareness of the need for affordable housing.”

2. That Title 2, “Administration”, Chapter 2.25 “Housing Commission”, Section 2.25.050 “Powers and Duties” of the St. Charles Municipal Code be and is hereby amended by deleting said Section 2.25.050 in its entirety and by substituting the following therefor:

“2.25.050 Powers and Duties

The Commission may perform and exercise the following powers and duties:

- A. Provide advice to the City Council for increasing, retaining and rehabilitating affordable housing stock within the City of St. Charles by evaluating, setting priorities, and recommending affordable housing programs and policies, examples of which include Housing Trust Fund, Community Land Trust, Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, density bonus, fee-in-lieu of provision, etc.;
- B. Coordinate with other communities and governmental agencies in meeting the housing needs of low-income and moderate-income families in the a community;

- C. Establish liaisons with other groups interested in affordable housing in the City and the surrounding area;
- D. Work with builders and developers in implementing affordable housing programs;
- E. Work with builders, developers and community stakeholders to promote public awareness of the need for affordable housing;
- F. Develop programs that will assist in accessing new funding opportunities at the local, state and federal levels;
- G. Identify possible revenue streams to create and preserve homes that are priced to meet the needs of low- to moderate-income families;
- H. Create mechanisms for increasing public awareness and educating residents regarding the needs for affordable housing.”

3. That after the adoption and approval hereof this Ordinance shall be printed or published in book or pamphlet form, published by the authority of the City Council.

PRESENTED to the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this 16th day of October 2017.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this 16th day of October 2017.

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of St. Charles, Illinois this 16th day of October 2017.

Raymond P. Rogina, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Recording Secretary

COUNCIL VOTE:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

DATE:_____