Ordinance No. 214

City of Grosse Pointe Park

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK BY REVISING AND AMENDING CHAPTER TWO, ARTICLE III, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK TO ADD DIV. 6 – BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK ORDAINS:

Section I. The City of Grosse Pointe Park Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article III, is amended to add Division 6 as follows:

Beautification Commission.

(1) Intent. The Beautification Commission is to consider, report and recommend to the City Council, from time to time, on matters concerning beautification and aesthetic concerns as well as to promote and coordinate beautification efforts within the City of Grosse Pointe Park. The Beautification Commission will only act as an advisory group, and does not have any regulatory authority. The creation of the Beautification Commission shall in no way be interpreted as diminishing the role, responsibilities, or charge of any currently existing board, commission, task force, or committee including, but not limited to, the Planning Commission.

(2) General.

(a) The Beautification Commission shall consist of no fewer than fourteen (14) members. One (1) member shall be a member of the City Council appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by a majority vote of the City Council. A City Councilmember shall cease to be a member of the Beautification Commission if she/he ceases to be a member of the City Council. Twelve (12) members shall be residents of the City appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by a majority vote of the City Council. A resident member shall cease to be a member of the Beautification Commission if he/she ceases to be a resident of the City. One (1) member shall be a member of the City Administration selected by the Mayor. The terms of the resident members shall be staggered so that 1/3 expire each year. Beginning with January 2020, four (4) resident members shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year to expire in January 2021; four (4) resident members shall be appointed for an initial term of two (2) years to expire in January 2022; and four (4) resident members shall be appointed for an initial term of three (3) years to expire on January 2023. Thereafter, such resident members shall serve for three (3) year terms.
(b) Resident members must demonstrate a genuine interest in beautification activities of the Beautification Commission. Resident members must be a resident of the City of Grosse Pointe Park for two (2) years or more prior to the day of his/her appointment.

(c) The Beautification Commission shall appoint, from among the resident members of the Beautification Commission, a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary. The Chairperson, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson, shall preside at all meetings. The Secretary shall record true and accurate minutes of each meeting and file the same with the City Clerk within the time as provided by law.

(d) Regular meetings of the Beautification Commission shall be held at least six times a year and be open to the public. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson. The Beautification Commission shall determine its rules and order of business for the conduct of its meetings, provided that a majority of the members present of the Beautification Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.

(3) Powers and Duties. The Beautification Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To advise and make recommendations to the City Council and City Manager on matters concerning beautification and aesthetic concerns as well as to promote and conduct beautification efforts within the City of Grosse Pointe Park.

(b) To work collaboratively with other city commissions and committees which have responsibilities for specific issues.

(c) To hold public hearings on beautification programs and facilities issues and concerns.

(d) To meet with and advise the City Manager and any other city personnel involved in beautification matters.

(e) To create subcommittees and working groups to help conduct the work of the Beautification Commission, provided that a member of the Beautification Commission chairs each such committee and working group.

(f) To have all other powers and duties granted by the City Council by resolution.

This ordinance shall take effect on February 2, 2020.