

**CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

**ORDINANCE No. 24-24 AC CMS**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO TO REVISE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OPEN SPACE AND VISUAL ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 155 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, is hereby amended to read as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

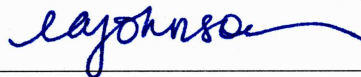
SECTION 3. That this ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: May 6, 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:



BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL



EBONI A. JOHNSON  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 05/07/2024

EFFECTIVE DATE: 06/05/2024

## EXHIBIT A

### CHAPTER 155 Open Space and Visual Environment Commission

155.01 Creation; appointments.

155.02 Duties; responsibilities.

#### CROSS REFERENCES

Planning Commission - see P. & Z. Ch. 1301

Residential development design standards - see P. & Z. Ch. 1338

#### 155.01 CREATION; APPOINTMENTS.

- (a) Creation. There is hereby created, under the authorization of Section VII of the City Charter a Commission of five members designated as the "Open Space and Visual Environment Commission."
- (b) Appointments. Appointments to such Commission shall be made under the provisions of Section XIX of the City Charter.

(Ord. 683 AC. Passed 3-2-70.)

#### 155.02 DUTIES; RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Open Space and Visual Environment Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (a) The Commission shall advise Council, and shall monitor the plans and activities of adjacent jurisdictions, Lorain County, regional bodies, and the State of Ohio with respect to open space protection and farmland preservation, and shall evaluate the impact of these plans and activities on the City of Oberlin.
- (b) The Commission shall coordinate its plans with the Planning Commission, the Recreation Commission, and the Lorain County Metro Parks Board.
- (c) The Commission shall advise Council in the implementation of open space plans; receive and expend funds from the City as appropriated; seek gifts of land or money for the City from public and private individuals and agencies; suggest purchases of land or easements on the land for open space purposes; and propose legislative mechanisms to preserve open space areas. Such gifts, suggestions and proposals shall require approval by Council prior to acceptance by the City.
- (d) The Commission shall advise Council and/or other City commissions or committees, and Oberlin citizens on aesthetic grounds in matters relating to making the City a more attractive community.
- (e) The Commission shall communicate with other organizations, locally, regionally, statewide, or nationally, concerning Oberlin's beautification, appearance, and visual environment.
- (f) The Commission shall advise the Council, City boards, commissions, committees, and Oberlin citizens on the planting maintenance, care and protection of the City's urban forest.