

ORDINANCE NO. 16,330

AN ORDINANCE to amend the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by amending Sections 114-241 and 114-242, relating to the duties and member composition of the Transportation Safety Committee.

Be It Ordained by the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa:

Section 1. That the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, 2000, adopted by Ordinance No. 13,827, passed June 5, 2000, as heretofore amended, by Sections 114-241 and 114-242, relating to the duties and member composition of the Transportation Safety Committee, as follows:

Sec. 114-241. Created; composition; appointment; terms.

- (a) There is established in and for the city a transportation safety committee.
- (b) The transportation safety committee shall consist of twelve voting members. Eight of the members shall be appointed by the city council. One member shall be appointed by each council member with two members appointed by the mayor. The two members appointed by the mayor shall consist of a Des Moines Street Collective Board Member, or similarly focused organization, and a state of Iowa licensed professional engineer with transportation experience. One member shall be appointed by the superintendent of the Des Moines Independent Community School District to represent the interest of the schools citywide. One member shall be a Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority staff member appointed by the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority to represent the interest of transit citywide. One member shall be appointed by the executive director of the Polk County Health Department to represent the perspective and issues involving transportation and health. One member shall be an Iowa Department of Transportation staff member appointed by the Iowa Department of Transportation District One Engineer to provide input and insights relative to state routes within Des Moines as well as other matters that may be impacted by or might impact state-wide practices to promote active transportation and safety.
- (c) The term of office of each of the eight appointed members of the transportation safety committee shall be for staggered terms of three years. The expiration date for all terms of appointed members shall be December 31. Each member of the city council may recommend a candidate to fill one position on the board. Any of the two members nominated by the Mayor who cease to hold the qualifications for appointment to the seat they hold on the transportation safety committee shall cease to be a member of the transportation safety committee.
- (d) Notwithstanding section 2-1059 regarding term limits, only the members of the transportation safety committee representing the Des Moines Independent Community School District, the Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority, the Polk County Health Department and the Iowa Department of Transportation may be appointed and serve more than two (2) full terms.
- (e) Any five members shall constitute a quorum.

- (f) Primary staff support for the transportation safety committee shall be provided by the city traffic engineer or a designee. Additional staff support shall be provided by a member of the Des Moines Police Department.

Sec. 114-242. Duties.

The transportation safety committee shall advise the city council on matters relating to the safe and efficient use of all transportation modes within the City of Des Moines. These transportation modes include but are not limited to motor vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrian modes used as part of the transportation system. The transportation system includes, but is not limited to, streets, sidewalks, and related transportation facilities.

The transportation safety committee shall advise the city council on all elements of the City of Des Moines transportation network including all council-approved plans related to transportation. The transportation safety committee shall, as it determines necessary, provide a public forum to hear citizen comments and requests regarding transportation matters on existing, new, or potential transportation facilities.

The transportation safety committee shall have the following duties:

- (1) Advise the city council and make recommendations on any matter pertaining to the safe and efficient movement of all transportation modes.
- (2) Review all proposed transportation project designs for the city's transportation system and recommend appropriate revisions to such designs as needed to provide compliance with the city's approved transportation plans and policies.
- (3) Discuss the implementation of the City's Transportation Safety Action Plan at two regular meetings per year. At these meetings, the Committee will receive progress updates from staff on the Transportation Safety Action Plan, and provide high level and broad-based input towards the Transportation Safety Action Plan's implementation, support and any outreach and community engagement efforts. Periodic updates will be provided by the City staff to the City Council of the progress of the Transportation Safety Action Plan as well as to other boards, Commissions or committees of the City.
- (4) Perform such other and further duties as the city council may from time to time place upon the committee.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

FORM APPROVED: Reagan Peterson, Assistant City Attorney

Connie Boesen, Mayor

Attest: I, Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance (Roll Call No. 24-0268), passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on February 19, 2024 and signed by the Mayor on February 19, 2024 and published and provided by law in the Business Record on March 8, 2024. Authorized by Publication Order No. 12591.

Laura Baumgartner, City Clerk