

Chapter 9

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

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Sec. 9-1. Statement of Intent and Purpose.

The City intends, by the establishment of this Sustainable Environment Commission, to solicit advice and information about sound environmental management practices for promoting the public health and safety of the citizens of Moscow.

(Ord. 2008-23, 10/20/2008)

Sec. 9-2. Commission Established.

There is hereby established a Sustainable Environment Commission. This Commission shall consist of up to nine (9) voting members serving without pay. A non-voting member of this Commission shall not be considered in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present. Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent and approval of the City Council. Not more than three (3) members of the Commission may reside outside the city limits. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, the term of office of the Commission members chosen from the residents at large shall be three (3) years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that the members of such Commission will be appointed and/or reappointed to such term that the terms of approximately one-third (1/3) of the members expire annually thereafter. There shall be one (1) ex-officio member who shall be a member of the City Council, who shall

not vote, and whose term shall be two (2) years. Where possible, this Commission shall include at least one (1) student enrolled at least three quarters (3/4) time in a post secondary educational program, who shall serve a one (1) year term, which term may be renewed. At least one (1) student enrolled in high school or an equivalent educational program shall serve as a non-voting member of this Commission for a one (1) year term, which term may be renewed. This Commission shall also include at least one (1) Latah County resident who does not reside within City limits who shall serve as a non-voting member of this Commission for a three (3) year term.

The members shall hold office at the pleasure of the Mayor. He may revoke their appointment at any time and for any reason he deems sufficient, with approval of the City Council. Any vacancy in such Commission occurring other than through the expiration of a term, shall be filled by the Mayor, with approval by the City Council, for the unexpired term.

(Ord. 2008-23, 10/20/2008)

Sec. 9-3. Organization.

The members of the Commission shall meet and organize by electing one of their members chairperson, and such other officers as may be necessary, every year on the first regularly scheduled meeting after January 1. Roberts Rules of Order shall regulate the conduct of business. A majority of members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The Commission may establish subcommittees and advisory committees to advise and assist in carrying out the duties of the Commission. Where possible, this Commission shall coordinate efforts with other local boards, commissions, and groups. A record of meetings, hearings, testimony, resolutions, studies, findings, and actions taken shall be maintained.

Sec. 9-4. Duties.

It shall be the duty of the Commission to advise and inform the City Council about sound environmental management practices

for promoting the public health and safety of citizens of Moscow. The duty of the Commission shall include, but not be limited to, conducting public hearings; receiving public comment; and gathering, assessing, and evaluating information pertaining to the health and environmental concerns of the City. The Commission shall maintain a data bank at City Hall to assist it in monitoring health and environment situations. Further, the Commission may implement programs with the consent of the Council to achieve the stated duties.

Specifically, the Commission will make recommendations to the Council on the following matters:

- A. Pesticide/Chemical Use: recommending voluntary guidelines for the use of pesticides and other potentially harmful chemicals in and around the city by:
 - 1. encouraging adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) on all property within the City;
 - 2. developing procedures to notify the public as necessary when and where chemical application is to occur, subject to voluntary provision of prior notification by applicators when such application involves property not owned by the City.
- B. Air Quality
 - 1. informing the public regarding proper use of solid fuel heating appliances to reduce emissions;
 - 3. developing procedures to notify the public when an air pollution alert has been declared;
 - 3. develop recommendations to deal with air quality issues which affect Moscow residents.
- C. Water Quality: recommending programs for the protection of water quality and quantity (as it relates to water conservation) with emphasis on groundwater, surface waterways and drainages within Moscow and a buffer zone extending five hundred feet (500') in width beyond the city limits boundary.
- D. Waste Stream: aiding the City in

implementing programs relative to waste reduction, recycling, and deposits specifically by providing review of the solid waste reduction and education program.

- E. Any other health and environmental issues as may be directed by the City.
(Ord. 2003-09; 04/08/03)

Sec. 9-5. Rules of conduct.

The Commission shall address issues and concerns relating to health and the environment not currently being addressed by other local boards, commissions or groups. The Commission may offer assistance to other local entities in relation to health and environmental concerns.

Sec. 9-6. Reports.

The Commission shall make full and complete annual reports to the Mayor and Council. Other reports shall be made to the Mayor and/or Council as necessary.
(Ord. 2002-10, 04/16/02; Ord. 2003-09; 04/08/03)