

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio
Ordinance No. O2023-0015

Sponsored by: Councilmember Simon	An Ordinance amending Section 206.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code to codify the county’s planning regions represented by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and to clarify the procedures for the designation of alternates; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (“Commission”) was originally established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 713.22 in 1989 as the successor organization to the previously constituted Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s mission is to advance Cuyahoga County’s social, economic, and environmental health through equitable community planning; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Cuyahoga County Council enacted Section 206.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code to specify the county’s representation on the Commission and codify its role in county governance; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recently established a subcommittee to update the Commission’s bylaws; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the recommendations of the Commission’s bylaws subcommittee are consistent with the County Code, the subcommittee urges Cuyahoga County Council to amend the code as provided herein, to formally codify the planning regions represented by the Commission and to clarify the procedures governing the designation of alternates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. Section 206.12 of the Cuyahoga County Code is hereby amended as follows (deletions are stricken, additions are bolded and underlined):

Section 206.12 Cuyahoga County Planning Commission

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, established pursuant to section 713.22 of the Revised Code, shall be composed of the following members:

1. Eight members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by Council in accordance with section 713.22 of the Revised Code and the County Charter. **To ensure the geographic diversity of the county is represented, the County Executive shall endeavor to appoint one chief elected official from each one of the following County Planning Commission planning regions, as defined by the County Planning Commission bylaws:**

a. Chagrin/Southeast Region

b. Cleveland Region

c. Cuyahoga Region

d. Heights Region

e. Hillcrest Region

f. Southcentral Region

g. Southwest Region

h. Westshore Region

2. The County Executive; and

3. Two members of the County Council appointed by the President of Council.

B. Alternates to the County Planning Commission ~~appointed to serve on behalf of the County Executive or members of County Council~~ shall be residents of the county and shall be designated in the same manner as the designation of alternates ~~by members of boards of county commissioners~~, as provided in section 713.22 of the Revised Code.

C. Paragraphs (A) and (B) shall not terminate or otherwise affect the term of those members serving on the County Planning Commission as of the effective date of this section.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of the 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.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Ordinance was duly enacted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 12, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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