

Proposed: 6/6/2022

ORDINANCE NO. 81-2022 (AS), *First Reading*

By Mayor Seren

An Ordinance amending Section 150.02(a), “Members,” of Chapter 150, “Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Committee” of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, to remove City administrative staff from membership on the Committee.

WHEREAS, the Council passed Ordinance No. 175-2013 on October 21, 2013, establishing a Transportation Advisory Committee to “provide a means for the community to obtain information about matters related to transportation within the City of Cleveland Heights and about the City’s connectivity to nearby regions, and to make recommendations to Council on transportation plans for the City:” and

WHEREAS, as originally passed under the Council-City Manager form of government, the Transportation Advisory Committee included the “Chief of Police or his/her designee; Director of Public Works or his/her designee; and Director of Planning and Development or his/her designee”; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed Ordinance No. 209-2013 to add two at-large members the the Transportation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed Ordinance No. 111-2021 to include three additional members on this committee, to add environmental sustainability to the mission of the committee, and to change the name of the committee to the Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Committee; and

WHEREAS, under the Mayor-Council form of government in Cleveland Heights that took effect January 1, 2022, the inclusion of administrative staff under the direction of the Mayor as members of a committee tasked with advocacy and recommendation to the Council presents potential conflicts in interest and confusion between the policy positions of the administration and the policy recommendations of the Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Committee.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Section 150.02(a), “Members,” of Chapter 150, “Transportation and Environmental Sustainability Committee” of Part One, *Administrative Code*, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cleveland Heights, is hereby amended to read as follows:

150.02 MEMBERS

- (a) The Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members, eleven (11) of whom shall be appointed by City Council ("appointed members"); and one (1) of whom shall be

appointed by the Regional Transit Authority, as set forth below. The appointed members shall include: one (1) Cleveland Heights resident to represent the interests of bicyclists; one (1) Cleveland Heights resident to represent the interests of pedestrians; one (1) Cleveland Heights resident to represent the interests of transit users; one (1) Cleveland Heights resident to represent the interests of disabled persons; one (1) person to represent the interests of the educational community within the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District; one (1) person to represent the general interests of the Cleveland Heights business community; two (2) Cleveland Heights residents to serve at-large to represent proponents of alternative modes of transportation (other than private automobiles); and three (3) Cleveland Heights residents with demonstrated interest in and knowledge of environmental sustainability. The Regional Transit Authority shall appoint one (1) person to represent its interests. City Council's appointments to the Committee should be made in a manner intended to reflect the City's goal of racial and social diversity.

SECTION 2. Notice of passage of this Ordinance shall be given by publishing the title and abstract of its contents, prepared by the Director of Law, once in one newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cleveland Heights.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

MELODY HART
President of the Council

AMY HIMMELEIN
Clerk of Council

PASSED:

Presented to Mayor: _____

Approved: _____

KAHLIL SEREN
Mayor