

ORDINANCE 5014

Establishing a Department of Environmental Resilience

WHEREAS the Honorable Jeremy Stutsman, Mayor of the City of Goshen, seeks to expand the City's environmental efficiency and sustainability efforts and recommends to the Goshen Common Council that it establish an executive department of Environmental Resilience;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jeremy Stutsman seeks to establish a Department of Environmental Resilience in order to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the persons and properties of Goshen; to enhance and protect the aesthetics and environment of the City of Goshen; to promote economic development within the City of Goshen; and to promote the planting, maintenance and removal of trees on public or private lands within the City of Goshen;

WHEREAS the Goshen Common Council finds that creating an executive department of Environmental Resilience is necessary to coordinate efforts within the City of Goshen related to forestry as well as environmental efficiency and sustainability, and to efficiently perform the administrative functions required to fulfill the needs of the City of Goshen's residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Goshen Common Council that:

Section 1. Establishment and Purpose

- (a) There is hereby created and established as one of the executive departments of the City of Goshen, Indiana, a Department of Environmental Resilience and, separate from other departments of the City.
- (b) The administrative functions of the Department of Environmental Resilience shall include the following:
 - (1.) Maintain, preserve, manage, and enhance Goshen's urban forest through policy and practice in order to achieve 45% urban tree canopy coverage across the City by 2045;
 - (2.) Educate the City of Goshen Administration and the public relative to natural resource protection, opportunities for energy consumption efficiencies, waste reduction, and other green initiatives;
 - (3.) Create and implement an environmental action plan for the City of Goshen; implement programs and policies related to environmental resilience, such as forestry, stormwater management, energy efficiency, etc.; and coordinate activities with other public and private organizations;
 - (4.) Provide support and coordination to City Departments, boards, and commissions as they undertake projects that affect the City's natural assets;
 - (5.) Propose goals for annual progress for the City in the areas of forestry and other areas related to environmental resilience.
 - (6.) Perform other functions reasonably related to environmental resilience.

Section 2. Appointment of Director

(a) The Department of Environmental Resilience shall be administered by the director of Environmental Resilience who is appointed by the Mayor and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

(b) The director shall have such duties as are reasonably necessary to perform the functions of the department created.

Section 3. Other Ordinances

All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

Section 4. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and the invalidity of any phrase, clause or part of this ordinance shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remainder of the ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and adoption according to the laws of the State of Indiana.

PASSED by the Goshen Common Council on _____, 2019.

Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Angie McKee, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED to the Mayor of the City of Goshen on _____, 2019 at _____
a.m./p.m.

Angie McKee, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED and ADOPTED on _____, 2019.

Jeremy P. Stutsman, Mayor