

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville in meeting duly assembled, pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Plainville and the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, the following Ordinance is adopted:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby established a Downtown Beautification Commission for the specific purpose of improving and maintaining the appearance of downtown Plainville.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS.

(a.) The Downtown Beautification Commission shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a resident and elector of the Town. No more than three (3) members shall be of the same political party.

(b.) Among the five (5) members of the Downtown Beautification Commission, there shall be at least one (1) downtown Plainville business owner, and at least one (1) downtown Plainville property owner.

(c.) The Town Manager, the Director of Economic Development, and the Executive Director of the Plainville Chamber of Commerce shall be ex-officio members of the Commission and shall have no vote.

SECTION 3. TERM OF OFFICE.

Upon adoption of this Ordinance, the Town Council shall appoint two (2) members to serve until December 31, 2002, two (2) members to serve until December 31, 2003, and one (1) member to serve until December 31, 2004. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed to a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 4. CHAIRPERSON, MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

(a.) The Downtown Beautification Commission shall meet each January to elect a chairperson from its membership.

(b.) The Downtown Beautification Commission shall meet no less than six (6) times each year. A schedule of meetings shall be established by the Commission.

(c.) A quorum shall consist of three (3) voting members.

SECTION 5. POWERS AND DUTIES.

(a.) The Downtown Beautification Commission shall be responsible to the Town Council on matters relating to downtown beautification and, as such, may:

(1.) Review site plans and make written recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission on issues regarding downtown Plainville.

(2.) Identify beautification needs in downtown Plainville not addressed by existing boards or commissions.

(3.) Assess available Town Resources to meet the needs of downtown Plainville.

(4.) Work to recommend the establishment of short and long term goals and objectives for downtown Plainville.

(5.) Recommend priorities for the establishment, expansion, or abandonment of projects affecting downtown Plainville.

(6.) Develop and recommend a Strategic Plan for downtown Plainville.

(7.) Promote a network of volunteer citizens, churches, and civic groups, and identify private and public resources (including education resources) in the development and operation of downtown Plainville beautification programs.

(8.) Inform local and state officials of downtown Plainville Beautification issues, and develop and advocate specific solutions to these issues.

(9.) Engage technical, legal and clerical assistance in the performance of its duties.

(b.) The Downtown Beautification Commission shall annually provide the Town Council with a written report on or before December 1. The report should address the Commission's activities, the status of existing beautification programs, short and long range goals of the Commission, and any other recommendations the Commission may have.

(c.) The Commission shall perform any matters assigned by the Town Council that relate to the beautification of downtown Plainville.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and the invalidity of any portion thereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 7. NO CONFLICT WITH LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL LEGISLATION.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to conflict with any local, state or federal statute, rule, regulation or ordinance.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after legal publication.

Adopted by Town Council November 19, 2001