

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS; ESTABLISHING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD; ESTABLISHING A MISSION STATEMENT AND MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE BOARD; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Saginaw is a home rule municipality acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5, of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Saginaw, Texas, recognizes the importance of traffic safety and the need for community involvement in addressing traffic issues within the City; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Traffic Safety Advisory Board ("TSAB") will provide a structured platform for residents to voice their traffic concerns, suggestions, and requests, and to work collaboratively with City staff to enhance traffic safety in Saginaw; and

WHEREAS, the TSAB will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Manager, City Council, the Public Works Department, Police Department, and other City committees on matters relating to traffic issues, development proposals, and special projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1.

That the Saginaw City Code is hereby amended by adding a new Article IX "Traffic Safety Advisory Board," to Chapter 94, which said article reads as follows:

"ARTICLE IX. - TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 94-221. - Establishment of the traffic safety advisory board.

The City of Saginaw hereby establishes the Traffic Safety Advisory Board ("TSAB").

Sec. 94-222. - Mission.

The mission of the TSAB is to provide community input by advising the City Manager, City Council, Public Works Department, Police Department, as well as other City committees, on traffic issues, development proposals, and special projects.

Sec. 94-223. - Responsibilities and functions.

- (a) The TSAB is responsible for promoting enhanced traffic safety in the City of Saginaw by:
 - (1) Creating a forum where residents can voice traffic concerns, suggestions, and requests;
 - (2) Working with City staff to examine alternatives to existing traffic situations; and
 - (3) Identifying long and short-term solutions to traffic issues in Saginaw.
- (b) The TSAB, with the assistance of the City Manager, or designee, shall post all meeting schedules, agendas, minutes and attendance on the TSAB webpage on the City's website.

- (c) The TSAB reports to the City Council. It shall provide an annual report to the City Council, and may be required to provide additional reports upon request of the City Council.
- (d) The TSAB shall serve in an advisory capacity only and will not have responsibility for any operational activities.

Sec. 94-224. - Composition.

- (a) The TSAB shall consist of five (5) regular members and two (2) alternates. TSAB members must be registered voters of the City of Saginaw and shall have resided in the City of Saginaw at least six months prior to their date of appointment. The members shall serve staggered two (2) year terms beginning as of the effective date of each members' appointment to the TSAB. The initial term for regular members 1, 3 and 5 and alternate member 1 shall expire on June 30, 2026. The initial term for regular members 2 and 4 and alternate member 2 shall expire on June 30, 2025. Appointment of all regular and alternate members shall be by majority vote of City Council.
- (b) The TSAB shall appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary from among its members.
- (c) A representative from the Police Department, the Public Works Department, and City Hall shall attend the TSAB meetings. The TSAB shall also be assigned a Council Member as a liaison.

Sec. 94-225. - Meetings.

- (a) The TSAB shall meet every other month at such time and date as determined by the Board, and may call additional meetings, as needed. All

meetings shall comply with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act. Board members shall complete all statutorily required open government training within 90 days of either the date upon which the member is sworn into service or the date by which the member assumes their responsibilities, whichever is sooner.

- (b) A quorum for the conduct of business shall consist of three members. The TSAB members shall regularly attend meetings of the Board and shall serve without compensation, except for reimbursement of authorized expenses attendant to the performance of their duties.

Secs. 94-226—94-230. - Reserved.”

SECTION 2.

The City Manager is authorized to take all necessary actions to implement the provisions of this Ordinance, including the scheduling of meetings.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Saginaw City Code, and except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction,

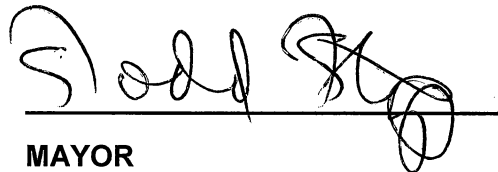
such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 5.

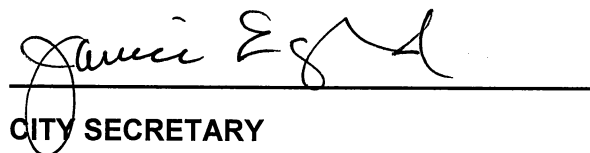
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.

APPROVED:


MAYOR

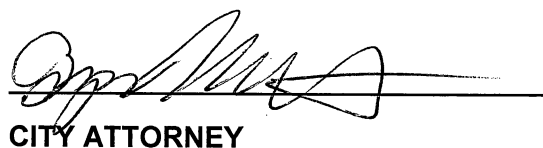
ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

EFFECTIVE: 5-21-2024



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


CITY ATTORNEY