

DIVISION 11

SECTION 2-514 CLEAN ENERGY COMMISSION

Be it enacted by the City Council assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:

Sec. 2-514 The Gloucester Clean Energy Commission is created to promote clean energy options in Gloucester, including energy efficiency, conservation and the development of clean and renewable energy.

Sec. 2-515 The Commission shall pursue the following tasks:

- a) Propose and develop strategies to reduce energy costs of city-owned facilities and vehicles through energy conservation, efficiency and renewable energy measures. The strategies may include electricity, vehicle fuel, natural gas and oil conservation and may identify innovative cost-saving measures.
- b) Recommend city-wide programs including participation in federal or state-wide energy initiatives, such as the Green Communities Program, to promote and facilitate smart energy strategies for Gloucester citizens on both public and private real property.
- c) Work with appropriate city departments to track energy usage and costs associated with key assets and operations of the City.
- d) Identify climate adaptation and mitigation issues and strategies to safeguard the long-term economic and cultural vitality of the City.
- e) Follow emerging federal and state mandates, as well as initiatives and funding opportunities for energy conservation, renewable energy, or climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. Recommend strategies to comply with applicable mandatory or voluntary standards.
- f) Provide guidance, in the form of education or information, to the Mayor, City Council and key city departments and personnel, to support their decision-making on recommended strategies and clean energy opportunities.
- g) Serve as a communications and information resource on clean energy issues and city initiatives for the public through:
 - i) Meetings and sponsored events;
 - ii) Maintenance of an active web site;
 - iii) Regular communications to interested parties; and
 - iv) Public/private partnerships.

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a) The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council, subject to the provisions of the City Charter. Appointees shall serve staggered terms of two years beginning at the date of appointment and ending on February 14 as required by the city charter. Commission members shall be Gloucester residents and may include representation by appropriate city employees as determined by the Mayor. Members will be selected based on relevant experience and knowledge in energy management strategies, renewable and alternate energies, energy efficiency and/or community sustainability. A vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

b) The terms of the members shall be staggered, as such, the initial members shall be for the following terms:

- i. Three members for one year;
- ii. Four members for two years.

c) The Commission shall:

- i. Meet on a monthly basis and retain meeting minutes;
- ii. Report to the Mayor on a quarterly basis; and
- iii. Beginning six months after its initial formation, the Commission shall submit to the Council on a semi-annual basis a report of its activities and its progress in achieving its mission.