

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEORIA
PERTAINING TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Peoria is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Illinois 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 28 of the Code of the City of Peoria is hereby amended by deleting the following stricken words and by adding the following underlined words:

Sec. 28-61. Creation and purpose.

The ~~traffic~~ Transportation Commission of the city is hereby created for the purpose of studying and surveying ~~all~~ matters pertaining to ~~pedestrian and vehicular traffic-transportation~~ in the City of Peoria, and to make recommendations and proposals to the City Council and the City Administration. Transportation shall include pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles and mass transit systems, as well as the movement of freight, and shall promote Complete Streets concepts within the city. The commission shall also assist and advise concerning transportation items contained in the annual Community Investment Plan (CIP) and other matters relating to safe and efficient transportation. ~~maintain an educational program and campaign for better highway traffic safety and traffic law compliance by the public.~~

Sec. 28-62. Membership.

The ~~traffic~~ Transportation Commission shall consist of ~~eleven (11) nine~~ voting members, appointed by the mayor and approved by the City Council. The terms of the commissioners shall be three years in accordance with the terms set forth in section 2-162 of the Code; ~~however, initial appointments will be made to stagger the terms as follows: three members shall be appointed for a one-year term; three members will be appointed for a two-year term and three members will be appointed for a three-year term. The mayor shall select a member to serve as the chairman on an annual basis, with the approval of the council.~~ Said membership shall include the following:

(a) At least four (4) of said members shall have professional expertise in the various facets of the duties of the commission, by virtue of their training and/or employment. Said areas of expertise shall include, but are not necessarily limited to: engineering, the law, transportation operations, mass transit, marketing, financing, environmental management and safety.

(b) At least two (2) of said members shall have demonstrated interest in pedestrian or bicycle issues through professional expertise or participation in various civic organizations, clubs or committees/boards/commissions that have a pedestrian or bicycle focus.

(c) At least four (4) of said members shall represent broad social and geographical components of the City of Peoria. Said representation may include, but not necessarily be limited to students, retired persons, disabled, homemakers and the business community.

(d) Voting members of the Traffic Commission shall be residents of the City of Peoria and at least one (1) of said members shall represent each Council District by residential address.

Sec. 28-63. Meetings.

The ~~traffic~~ Transportation Commission shall meet at least once each month and at the call of the chairman of the commission or upon the written request of at least ~~five~~ six members of the commission delivered to the chairman.

Sec. 28-64. Chairman; secretary; other officers.

(a) The Chairman of the ~~traffic~~ Transportation Commission shall be elected by the members for a term of one year, annually, ~~beginning November 1, 1971.~~

(b) A Vice-chairman and such other officers as the commission may deem necessary may be elected for terms running concurrently with that of the chairman.

(c) The Secretary of the Commission shall be the traffic engineer of the city and shall maintain all records of the ~~traffic~~ transportation commission.

Sec. 28-65. Rules of order and procedure.

(a) The ~~traffic~~ Transportation Commission shall adopt such rules of order and procedure as it deems advisable and necessary. No rule of the ~~traffic~~ Transportation Commission concerning its order of business or procedure shall be effective until a copy thereof is placed on file with the city clerk.

(b) Absent any rules to the contrary, Robert's Rules of Order, as revised from time to time, shall control the conduct and order of the meetings of the Transportation Commission and its members.

Sec. 28-66. Areas of Concern.

The basic areas of concern of the Transportation Commission shall consist of the following:

(a) Streets and highways within the City of Peoria, which shall include city streets, county roads, state and federal highways, recreational drives, bridges and grade separations.

(b) Mass transportation, which shall include buses, taxis, trains, and such other forms as may be developed or proposed.

(c) Pedestrianways, which shall include sidewalks, grade separations, shopping areas, and recreational pathways.

(d) Bikeways, which shall include on- and off-street routes for commuting and recreational use.

(e) Multi-use trails, which shall include off-street trails for non-motorized uses, such as pedestrians and bicycles.

(f) Materials and handling and movement of freight, which shall include truck routes, train and truck terminals, and airport access.

(g) Transportation policies and practices, such as Complete Streets concepts.

(h) Safety programs, which shall include promoting mass transportation, bicycle use and walking.

(i) On-street parking and city owned parking facilities.

Sec. 28-67 Powers and duties.

With regard to the above areas of concern, the transportation commission shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City staff regarding the following:

(a) To prepare, review, and recommend comprehensive plans based upon adopted goals and strategies, as directed by the City Council.

(b) To coordinate with other local, regional, state and national agencies and private transportation organizations, such as Peoria Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Peoria Park District, and Peoria County in the adoption of goals and strategies in the city and surrounding area, and in reviewing or proposing specific projects or programs.

(c) To review, suggest and coordinate policies, programs, and marketing proposals and strategies for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including, but not limited to: bicycle routes, multi-use trails, bicycle parking, the sidewalk network, and school walk routes.

(d) To conduct public hearings on proposed policies and plans when considered necessary by the commission, the city council, or as required by city, state, or federal law or regulation, except where a hearing on the same subject is planned or required to be conducted by another body and where the commission finds that said hearing will be an unnecessary duplication.

(e) To encourage a program to disseminate information regarding transportation programs, problems, policies or goals to the citizens of Peoria.

Sec. 28-68 City Council referrals.

All transportation matters coming directly to the City Council may be referred by the City Council to the Transportation Commission for consideration.

All referrals to the Transportation Commission shall specify the date and source of the transportation matter, whether from staff or private citizens.

After consideration by the Transportation Commission, the transportation matter shall be forwarded to the City Council for final consideration, evaluation, and determination and/or adoption.

Sec. 28-69 Assistance and cooperation from city officials

All Departments of the City under the direction of the City Manager, and other officers and agencies of the city shall assist and cooperate with the commission and, upon request of the commission, shall furnish information, advice, and access to facilities respecting subject matters as the commission may reasonably require in order to fulfill its functions as set forth herein. The city shall provide clerical services to the commission where possible.

In the conduct of the work of the commission, it is anticipated that certain city employees will be required to advise and otherwise support the activities of the commission in carrying out the obligations as provided herein.

Expenses for the operation and conduct of the affairs of the commission shall be paid from a separate transportation commission line item in the city budget or where appropriate from specific budgeted projects.

Sec. 28-70 Code review and revision.

The Transportation Commission shall review sections 28-61 through 28-80 of the City Code periodically and make such recommendations at to its revision to the City Council.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in effect 10 (ten) days after its passage and publication in pamphlet form.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS this

_____ day of _____ 2014.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED:

Corporation Counsel