



Gloucester City Council

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

Certificate Number: 2022-177

Consistent with chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, the Gloucester City Council, at a meeting held on December 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. by remote participation, voted to approve the following:

IN CITY COUNCIL:

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Article II. "Administration and Enforcement," Division II. - "Traffic Commission" by amending Sec. 22-30 "Created; purpose," Sec. 22-31 "To act in official capacity under control of the mayor," Sec. 22-34 "Duties" as follows:

DIVISION 2. - TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Sec. 22-30. - Created: purpose.

As a continuation of planning board work and for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the city, to lessen congestion and confusion in the streets, to lessen the danger from fire and assist the fighting of it and to facilitate the creation of more adequate provision for transportation and parking, there is hereby created a traffic commission. The commission shall have as its primary purpose the making of studies and presenting of recommendations to the mayor in the matter of regulating traffic and parking in the city.

Sec. 22-31. - To act in official capacity under control of mayor.

The traffic commission shall act in an official capacity for the city and shall be under the overall control and authority of the mayor, *except in matters involving Gloucester Code of Ordinances and Gloucester Zoning Ordinances, the City Council may make referrals to the Commission for their recommendation.*

Sec. 22-32. - Composition; appointment; terms of members.

The traffic commission shall consist of seven members comprised of a member of the fire department, police department, department of public works and four resident members who shall be at-large members. These members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Appointments to the commission shall be for terms of three years. In case of the resignation, death or disqualification of any member of the commission, or for the purpose of filling a vacancy, for any other reason, an appointment for the unexpired term shall immediately be made by the mayor.

Sec. 22-33. - Organization meeting; officers.

As soon as possible after the membership of the traffic commission is determined in each year, the commission shall meet and elect from its own membership a chairperson and secretary-treasurer to serve for the term of one year. The secretary-treasurer shall give official notice in writing to the mayor that the commission has organized, giving the names of the chairperson and secretary-treasurer.

Sec. 22-34. - Duties.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of the traffic commission to ~~make detailed studies~~ *consider* of the motor vehicle and all other forms of traffic within the city, its present and future parking needs and related matters, and to determine, on a community-wide basis, ~~an overall long-range plan to meet the city's needs.~~ As such needs are determined, recommendations for the improvement of conditions, accompanied by such maps, graphs and charts as may have been prepared, shall be submitted to the mayor.

Reserve parking spaces for handicapped persons and disabled veterans as authorized in GCO Ch 22. Article 2, Division 2, Sec. 22-37.

Authority to approve stop intersections as authorized in GCO Ch 22. Article 2, Division 2, Sec. 22-38.

Sec. 22-35. - Assistance of city officials, boards and employees.

The traffic commission may request the services and assistance of any of the officials, boards and employees of the city at all reasonable times when the commission determines that it requires the assistance and advice of such officials, boards and employees in the performance of its duties.

Sec. 22-36. - Annual report.

The traffic commission shall make an annual written report of its activities to the mayor.

Sec. 22-37. - Commission's authority to reserve parking areas for handicapped persons and disabled veterans.

(a) The traffic commission may, after conducting a duly noticed public meeting, promulgate regulations to designate certain parking areas reserved for handicapped persons and disabled veterans.

(b) A request for a handicapped person and disabled veteran parking area shall be filed with the commission through the city clerk's office. Each request shall be accompanied by proof of a handicapped plate or placard. As a part of the public meeting, the commission shall consider the recommendation of the director of the department of public works, police and fire chief. At the close of the public meeting, the commission may, by majority vote, reserve parking areas as reserved for handicapped persons and disabled veterans. The commission shall file notice of its decision to promulgate such regulation with the office of the city clerk. All approved reserved areas shall be published as regulations known as the "List of Parking Areas Reserved for Handicapped Persons and Disabled Veterans in the City of Gloucester" and enforced when official signs are in place.

(c) The city council committee on ordinances and administration may review the regulation reserving the parking space upon request of an aggrieved party. The committee's approval or disapproval of such a reservation shall be considered final action and shall not be subject to further review. The request for review shall be filed by an aggrieved party within 30 days of the traffic commission's filing its decision with the city clerk's office.

Sec. 22-38. - Commission's authority to approve stop intersections.

(a) The traffic commission may, after conducting a duly noticed public meeting, promulgate regulations to approve stop intersections.

(b) A request for a stop intersection shall be filed with the commission through the city clerk's office. At the close of the public meeting, the commission may, by majority vote, approve the stop intersection. The commission shall file notice of its decision to promulgate such regulation with the office of the city clerk. All approved stop intersections shall be published as regulations known as the "List of Stop Intersections in the City of Gloucester."

(c) The city council committee on ordinances and administration may review the regulation approving the stop intersection. The committee's approval or disapproval of the traffic commission's decision shall be considered final action and shall not be subject to further review. The request for review shall be filed by an aggrieved party within 30 days of the traffic commission's filing its decision with the city clerk's office.

Secs. 22-39—22-49. – Reserved.

