



## City of North Port

### ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 4 - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, TO ADD NEW ARTICLE IX - ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD, SECTIONS 4-180 TO 4-189, ESTABLISHING THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODING OF AMENDMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Port desires to protect, conserve and enhance the City's natural and environmental resources to ensure sustainability and environmental quality for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to continue its efforts to implement programs and procedures to protect, preserve, conserve and raise public awareness of its natural resources, wildlife and native vegetation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to create an advisory board to be known as the North Port Environmental Advisory Board to facilitate the involvement of the community in advising the City Commission on ways to protect, conserve, enhance and raise public awareness of the City's natural and environmental resources, its wildlife habitat, its flora and fauna, and on safeguarding environmental quality for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of North Port has determined that the proposed amendments serve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1 – FINDINGS:**

- 1.01 The recitals outlined above are incorporated by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

**SECTION 2 – ADOPTION:**

- 2.01 The City Commission hereby approves and adopts the following amendments and additions in strikethrough and underline format to the Code of the City of North Port, Florida:

**“Chapter 4 – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

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**ARTICLE IX – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**Sec. 4-180 – Establishment.**

The environmental advisory board is hereby created and established.

**Sec. 4-181 – Membership.**

The environmental advisory board shall consist of seven regular members, two alternate members, and two youth members. Members should be guided by a desire and an interest in preserving and protecting the environment, wildlife habitat, and the natural resources in the city.

**Sec. 4-182 – Powers and duties.**

- (a) The environmental advisory board shall serve as an information resource to and advise the city commission on ways to protect, conserve, enhance and raise public awareness of the City’s natural and environmental resources, its wildlife habitat, its flora and fauna, and on safeguarding environmental quality for the future.

(b) The environmental advisory board shall:

- (1) Advise the city commission on matters pertaining to preserving and promoting clean air and water quality.
- (2) Advise the city commission on matters pertaining to preserving and promoting wildlife and habitat protection.
- (3) Advise the city commission on state and federal environmental regulations that may impact the city.
- (4) Analyze and consider environmental concerns raised by citizens.
- (5) Identify educational and outreach community opportunities related to preserving and protecting the environment and wildlife habitat.
- (6) Research and recommend grants and incentives related to preserving and protecting the environment and wildlife habitat.
- (7) Perform other duties relating to preserving and protecting the environment and wildlife habitat as the city commission may from time-to-time direct.

**Secs. 4-183 – 4-189 – Reserved.”**

### **SECTION 3 – SEVERABILITY:**

- 3.01 If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phase, or provision of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

### **SECTION 4 – CONFLICTS:**

- 4.01 In the event of any conflicts between the provisions of this Ordinance and any other Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

### **SECTION 5 – CODING OF AMENDMENTS:**

- 5.01 In this Ordinance, additions are shown as underlined and deletions as strikethrough. These editorial notations shall not appear in the codified text.

### **SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE:**

- 6.01 This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

READ BY TITLE ONLY at first reading by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida in public session this 27th day of February, 2018.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, on the second and final reading in public session this 6th day of March, 2018.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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VANESSA CARUSONE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PATSY C. ADKINS, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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AMBER L. SLAYTON  
CITY ATTORNEY