

Chapter 22. Commissions

Article II. Pike Plan Commission

§ 22-6. Purpose.

The Common Council declares that it is the public policy of the City of Kingston and the purpose of this article to promote and maintain that area of the City of Kingston known as the Pike Plan Canopy Area. The promotion and maintenance of the Pike Plan will be best served by the creation of a Pike Plan Commission, which will serve to oversee the maintenance of the area.

§ 22-7. Creation; membership; meetings.

A.

There is hereby created in the Office of the Mayor, of the Executive Department, a Commission to be known as the Pike Plan Commission, which shall consist of seven members. Of the foregoing members of the Commission, the City Planner of the City of Kingston and the Mayor or his designee shall be perpetual members. A local architect shall be appointed to serve on the Commission for a term of two years. The remaining four members of the Pike Plan Commission shall be individuals who have an ownership interest in those properties which abut the Pike Plan, or who have been nominated as an eligible Pike Plan Commission member by an individual who has such an ownership interest in a property which abuts the Pike Plan. Any person nominated as an eligible Pike Plan Commission member must have a significant verifiable connection to the use or operation of a property which abuts the Pike Plan, such significant connection being subject to approval from the current members of the Pike Plan Commission. These four members of the Pike Plan Commission shall be hereinafter known as "stakeholders." These members shall be elected at a special election by all stakeholders. The election shall be conducted through the office of the Planner of the City of Kingston. The procedures for such election shall be determined by all of the active members of the Pike Plan Commission. ~~Existing members shall serve the remainder of their term and may be appointed by the Mayor to an additional term of two years. An election shall be held each time a vacancy is created. Of the members elected, the term shall be for two years. No such members shall serve for more than two consecutive terms following their election to serve on said Commission.~~An election shall be held each time a vacancy is created. Of the members elected, the term shall for two (2) years. No such member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms following their election to serve on said Commission unless no qualified stakeholders step forward to run for a vacant position. At that point the Mayor may extend the term of an existing Board member for an additional two (2) years.

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B.

The members of the Pike Plan Commission shall hold no other public office or public employment in the state, with the exception of the City Planner and the Mayor or his designee as aforementioned. [Amended 12-16-1999 by L.L. No. 2-2000, approved 1-3-2000]

C.

The members of the Pike Plan Commission shall serve without pay. Vacancies in such Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be for the unexpired term and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

D.

From the seven members, a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary shall be selected by a majority vote.

E.

The Pike Plan Commission shall meet at least once per month or at the call of its Chairman. A quorum of four will be necessary for any vote taken.

§ 22-8. Rules and procedures.

The Pike Plan Commission shall establish its own rules and procedures; provided, however, that all regulations or special meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public, and any person or his duly constituted representative shall be entitled to appear and be heard on any matter before the Commission prior to the time at which it reaches any decision.

§ 22-9. Powers and duties.

It shall be the duty of the Pike Plan Commission to:

A.

Make studies and analyses of the general conditions and maintenance of the Pike Plan Canopy Area.

B.

Oversee, in conjunction with the Common Council of the City of Kingston, New York, the general maintenance of the Pike Plan Canopy Area and the costs thereof so as to enable the greatest operational and maintenance savings for the City of Kingston, New York.

C.

Study and analyze and recommend to the Common Council of the City of Kingston, New York, the best method of assessment of the maintenance costs to individual property owners under the Pike Plan Canopy.

D.

Advertise for bids where required pursuant to the General Municipal Law of the State of New York for maintenance and improvements to the Pike Plan Canopy Area. The Pike Plan Commission is hereby authorized to award any contract or contracts and expend moneys for the maintenance and repair of the Pike Plan Canopy Area in accordance with the requirements of law. The Pike Plan Commission shall submit a properly executed city voucher signed by an authorized officer of said Commission to the City Clerk for presentation to the Common Council for final approval. The Comptroller shall make the funds available in accordance with a resolution of the Common Council of the City of Kingston approved by the Mayor September 6, 1978.

E.

Carry out such other further or different duties which the Common Council may from time to time approve.