

Ordinance 0024-19 – Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board

An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article III, of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

The Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Part 1: Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, is repealed and recreated as follows:

Division 5. – Community Development Block Grant Block Advisory Board

Part 2: Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, Section 2-221, is repealed and recreated as follows:

Sec. 2-221. – Purpose and intent.

The common council created the loan board of review, by Resolution 6609 of February 5, 1980, as modified by Resolution 10-2318 of December 21, 2010. The Loan Board of Review had the authority to approve or reject housing rehabilitation loan applications relating to the programs administered by the department of housing; the authority to administer the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program for properties with four or fewer dwelling units, including establishing administrative rules, procedures, and program policies; approval or disapproval of individual loan applications; and monitoring of existing loans to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the loans and collection of loan payments. Administration by the loan board pursuant to such authorization did not require further approval by the common council. In all other matters to come before the loan board, the loan board advised the common council, and the alderperson appointed to the loan board reported the loan board's recommendations for approval by the common council.

The common council further created the community development committee by Resolution No. 2912 of November 6, 1974, as modified by Resolution No. 4541-A of December 18, 1990, Resolution 6393 of March 1, 2005, and Resolution 13-0091 of February 20, 2013. The community development committee reviewed legislative items pertaining to city activities that receive federal funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant programs, including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, and Emergency Solutions Grant. The community development committee also reviewed such HUD documents as Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports prior to providing recommendations to Common Council.

The loan board of review and the community development committee are hereby dissolved and there is hereby created a community development block grant advisory board consisting of nine members.

Part 3: Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, Section 2-222, is repealed and recreated as follows:

Sec. 2-222. – Membership; terms of office; appointments; compensation.

(a) The mayor shall make appointments to the community development block grant advisory board on the first Tuesday in June, subject to common council confirmation. The terms of the non-common council members shall commence on July 1 and shall expire on June 30 of the last year of the term.

(b) The members of the board shall be the mayor, who shall serve as chair, the president of the common council, who shall serve as vice-chair, the chairs of the three common council standing committees, and four electors who by reason of their places of residence, occupations, or community activities have special interest in the application of community development funds. The elector members shall serve staggered three-year terms, except that immediately following passage of this resolution, the mayor shall designate members to serve such one or two year terms as necessary to establish the three-year staggered cycle. Thereafter, all successors will be appointed for three years and no elector member may serve two consecutive three-year terms. The director of city development shall serve as the board secretary.

(b) Members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services.

Part 4: Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, Section 2-223, is repealed and recreated as follows:

Sec. 2-222. – Duties.

It shall be the duty of the community development block grant advisory board to perform all the duties previously performed by the loan board of review and the community development committee.

Part 5: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the City of Racine Common Council and publication or posting as required by law.