

ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-295, 2-296, and 2-299 OF THE CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem as follows:

SECTION I. Sec. 2-295. - Creation; purpose; duties.

There is hereby created a council, to be known as the urban food policy council (hereinafter "council") for the purpose of initiating and promoting actions that increase food access in the City of Winston-Salem, with a particular emphasis on activities in the urban core. The council shall advocate for policies that build a sustainable, equitable and healthy local food system with a goal of enhancing the health of the citizens of Winston-Salem, strengthening local economies and market opportunities and reducing hunger and food insecurity. The duties of the council shall be as follows:

- (1) Develop strategies to address food access needs in food deserts;
- (2) Solicit external support for food-related initiatives;
- (3) Support and encourage programming related to food, nutrition, cooking, gardening, and other topics;
- (4) Devise strategies to increase retail options in food deserts;
- (5) Work collaboratively with the Forsyth Community Food Consortium on strengthening the local food system;
- (6) Serve as a forum for discussing food issues;
- ~~(7) Make recommendations for enhancing the use/operation of food-focused city facilities including the Dixie Classic Farmer's Market and the Liberty Street Vendor's Market;~~
- (7) ~~(8)~~ Educate members of the community about the importance of healthy, fair, and sustainable local food;
- (8) ~~(9)~~ Explore ways to encourage and promote food-based entrepreneurship; and
- (9) ~~(10)~~ Undertake such duties as may be requested by the mayor and city council.

Sec. 2-296. - Membership; term of members; officers.

The council shall be composed of nine members of the public. Initially the members shall be appointed for staggered terms. Three members shall be appointed for a three-year term. Three members shall be appointed for a two year term. Three members shall be appointed for a one year term. All subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms. Members shall have an interest in the food system, including food production, distribution, marketing, processing, consumption, access, disposal, etc. Members shall be residents of the City of Winston-Salem but cannot be employees of the City of Winston-Salem. Members shall be recommended by the mayor and approved by the city council. The members of the council shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman from their membership. ~~One seat on the council shall be reserved and designated to a member of the Forsyth Community Food Consortium Advisory Council to be recommended and appointed under the same process as other members of the council.~~

Sec. 2-299. - Staff support.

Staff from the office of sustainability will provide primary staff support to the council. ~~In addition, the office of sustainability may collaborate with the Forsyth Community Food Consortium to provide additional support and expertise pursuant to the council's purpose and duties as set forth in [sections 2-294](#) and [2-295](#), respectively.~~

SECTION II. This ordinance will become effective upon adoption.