Town of Erie Ordinance No. 08-2021

An Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Erie Amending Sections 3-5-1 and 3-5-2.C of the Erie Municipal Code to Allow for Youth Participation on the Sustainability Advisory Board

Whereas, the Sustainability Advisory Board (the "SAB") was established in 2018 to advise the Board of Trustees regarding matters relating to planning, development, maintenance and management of sustainability activities throughout the Town;

Whereas, the SAB's duties include the promotion of sustainability awareness and proper use of sustainability throughout the Town for any and all interested individuals and groups; and

Whereas, in furtherance of its duties, the SAB now desires to incorporate youth participation on the SAB.

Now Therefore be it Ordained by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Erie, Colorado, that:

Section 1. Sections 3-5-1 and 3-5-2.C of the Erie Municipal Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

3-5-1. Board created; membership; qualifications; compensation.

There is hereby created a Sustainability Advisory Board for the Town. The Sustainability Advisory Board shall consist of seven (7) members, one of whom may be an individual between sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21) years of age. All members shall be *bona fide* residents of the Town. If any member shall cease to reside in the Town, their membership on the shall immediately terminate. All members shall serve without compensation.

3-5-2. Appointment; terms of office; removals.

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C. *Removal*: The Board of Trustees may, by majority vote of those present, remove any member of the Sustainability Advisory Board for the following reasons, after providing notice to the member and an opportunity to be heard: a conflict of interest violation; any violation of law, regulation, or police; neglect of duty; failure to attend three (3) consecutive regularly-scheduled meetings without an approved leave of absence; or participating in a lawsuit against the Town. If the proposed removal involves a youth

member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, the youth member is entitled to representation by a parent or guardian at any removal proceeding.

Section 2. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each part or parts hereof irrespective of the fact that any one, or part, or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 3. <u>Safety</u>. The Board of Trustees finds that the adoption of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication following adoption.

Introduced, read, passed and ordered published this 13th day of April, 2021.

Jennifer Carroll, Mayor

Attest:

Heidi Leatherwood, Town Clerk