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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-287

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

RE: CONTINUATION OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL AND TO ADOPT A POLICY WHEREBY THE RULES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION AND GOVERNANCE OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION, RATHER THAN BY ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 82-072 the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County created the Traffic Advisory Council, and

WHEREAS, the Traffic Advisory Council was established to advise the Board of County Commissioners and make recommendations on matters pertaining to traffic, parking, speed regulations, safety and the placing of traffic control devices on roads within the unincorporated limits of Sarasota County. The Traffic Advisory Council may consider comments and suggestions from individuals, the law enforcement officials and other bodies interested in traffic matters.

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a policy whereby the rules and procedures relating to the composition and governance of Advisory Councils shall be established by resolution, rather than by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, on this date, the Board of County Commissioners has amended Ordinance No. 82-072 to remove the duties and responsibilities of the Traffic Advisory Council for adoption in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA, in public meeting assembled:

SECTION ONE: CONTINUATION, PURPOSE, DUTIES

1. The Traffic Advisory Council created by Ordinance No. 82-072 is hereby continued.

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2. The Traffic Advisory Council was established to advise the Board of County Commissioners and make recommendations on matters pertaining to traffic, parking, speed regulations, safety and the placing of traffic control devices on roads within the unincorporated limits of Sarasota County. The Traffic Advisory Council may consider comments and suggestions from individuals, the law enforcement officials and other bodies interested in traffic matters.
3. The Advisory Council shall act solely in an advisory capacity, without compensation, reporting directly to the Board.
4. The Public Works Business Center will provide the necessary staff resources to assist this Advisory Council in fulfilling its Board-directed mission.

SECTION TWO: COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. The Traffic Advisory Council shall be comprised of eight (8) individuals consisting of (1) representative from the Sheriff's office, one (1) representative from the Florida Highway Patrol and six (6) citizens from Sarasota County, including one (1) youth representative. The members shall serve staggered three (3) year terms, except for the youth representative, who shall serve a one (1) year term.
2. All members will be considered "at large" members, with consideration given to ensure geographic and background diversity.

SECTION THREE: APPOINTMENT

1. Candidates for the Traffic Advisory Council shall be sought through advertisements in an area newspaper of general circulation.
2. Interested individuals shall submit a completed Advisory Council Application detailing their qualifications for the position and reasons for desiring a position on the Advisory Council. All applications shall be submitted to the Board for consideration.
3. Advisory Council members shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board.

SECTION FOUR: TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Members of the Traffic Advisory Council must be residents of Sarasota County throughout their term of office unless otherwise specified within this document.
2. No members of the Traffic Advisory Council shall be employed by the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners.

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3. Members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years with staggered terms on initial appointments, with the exception of the youth representative, who shall serve a term of one year.
4. No members of the Advisory Council shall hold elective office.
5. Advisory Board member service is limited to four three-year terms. After an absence of one year, they can reapply for appointment.
6. Applicants for the Advisory Council and appointed members of the Advisory Council must be free from actual or potential conflict of interest relating to the business of the advisory council. If there is an actual or potential conflict of interest, the Advisory Council member must comply with the Florida Ethics Code.
7. Members of the Advisory Council are required to attend an Advisory Council orientation within (6) months of their appointment.

SECTION FIVE: RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. The Advisory Council shall comply with all applicable requirements of Florida's Sunshine Law, Public Records laws and the Code of Ethics for public representatives. The Council may adopt additional procedures of operation provided there is no conflict with Florida State law, County Ordinances, or this Resolution. In the absence of bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order will be the standard.
2. The Advisory Council shall meet at such times and places as the Chair, or his/her designee, deems appropriate in order to fulfill the mission and duties of the Advisory Council as assigned by the Board.
3. A simple majority of the existing membership shall constitute a quorum. An affirmative vote of a simple majority shall constitute adoption of a motion. A motion is lost on a tie vote.
4. All meetings shall be open to the public and a notice of said meetings shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Florida Statutes.
5. The Advisory Council shall not incur any expense or obligation to be paid by Sarasota County Government; expenditures shall only be those authorized in advance by the Board.
6. The agenda for each meeting shall be prepared and distributed by the Chair of the Advisory Council, or his/her designee, to the Advisory Council members in advance of the scheduled meeting.
7. In the event the Advisory Council finds it necessary to appoint sub-committees, those sub-committees shall act as fact-finding bodies only, with their sole purpose to report research issues and/or to report factual findings to the Advisory Council.

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8. All meetings of the Advisory Council shall be recorded on audio cassette with type summary minutes prepared and filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Board Records Division. Business Centers should keep copies of the minutes and the audio cassette on hand for a period of three years.

SECTION SIX: OFFICERS

The Advisory Council shall annually select a minimum of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its members.

SECTION SEVEN: VACANCIES AND REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Vacancies on the Advisory Council shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the vacating member was appointed as provided for in Section Three.
2. Upon expiration of the member's term there will be no automatic reappointment to the Advisory Council; the member must reapply for appointment to the Advisory Council as provided for in Section Three.
3. The member may reapply for appointment to the Advisory Council as provided for in Section Four.

SECTION EIGHT: REMOVAL

1. Any member of the Advisory Council who fails to attend at least seventy-five percent of Advisory Council meetings in a calendar year is subject to removal by the Board.
2. Members of the Advisory Council are approved by a majority vote of the Board and can be removed or replaced by a majority vote of the Board, should they deem it necessary.

SECTION NINE: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners. All current members of the Advisory Council shall continue as members of the Advisory Council throughout their appointed terms.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA THIS 20th DAY OF November, 2007.

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ATTEST:

KAREN E. RUSHING, Clerk of the
Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners of
Sarasota County, Florida

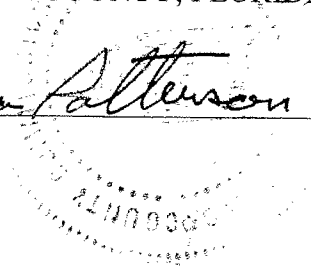
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