

ORDINANCE NO. 2029

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA ADDING CHAPTER
2.96 TO THE MONTEREY PARK MUNICIPAL CODE,
CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, we live in a time in which increased population growth, high levels of consumption and the desire to feed growing economies have created escalating demands on our resources, natural, human, and social – on a local and regional basis. These demands have an impact on our natural environment, community, and ultimately the quality of our lives. In light of these issues and challenges, there is a growing concern for the environment and the sustainability of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to help the community begin to think, plan, and act to help address issues of conservation and development of policies and practices which will help the community do its share in this worthy effort to be proactive in environmental awareness and assistance, in addition to providing direct benefits to individual residents and businesses through dollar savings; and

WHEREAS, Monterey Park has had a long tradition of inviting public participation from all areas to ensure the best possible results and that all voices are heard in important events and issues. The significance of the preservation of resources such as water, electricity, and gas; and addressing such issues as solid waste management, clean water, and the education and public awareness of the issues of the environment and the benefits we receive as not only a community, but the region; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to include the input of all segments, including residents, business and youth, of the community to address these issues as referenced above and the creation of an Environmental Commission would be a positive step in meeting those goals for the City of Monterey Park.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK,
CALIFORNIA DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.96 of Title 2 is herewith added for the creation of the Environmental Commission.

SECTION 2. The following shall be added to Chapter 2.96:

“2.96.010 Creation and Members

An Environmental Commission is created and shall consist of seven members. Each member may be a resident of the City of Monterey Park, an individual operating or working in the City of Monterey Park, or a professional or scholar in the environmental field. Each of the five Council members shall nominate one member to the Commission. The Youth Advisory Board Shall select two youth members from their Board or community provided the individual is attending High School or attended within the last 6 months. All Council nominations are subject to the ratification of the City Council. However, should a nominee be rejected, the City Council member recommending the appointment shall retain appointing authority to submit another nominee. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council.

2.96.020 Commission Membership

Members of the Environmental Commission shall abide and follow the requirements of Chapter 2.82 as it relates to termination, absence, and vacation of appointments by new elected council members (Section 2.82.010, 2.82.020, 2.82.030). Representatives of the Youth Advisory Board shall be held to the same requirements of Chapter 2.82, except in relation to vacation of appointment by new elected council members. Terms for appointees of the Youth Advisory Board shall be one year, but Commissioners are eligible to be reappointed by the Youth Advisory Board.

2.96.030 Meetings and Proceedings

The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations to govern its proceedings and the election of its officers. The Commission shall also set a time and place of regular meetings, which shall be held a minimum of once every two months.

2.96.040 Responsibilities


1) It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to develop and implement policies and procedures relevant to the environment and sustainability of the community, advocate and promote programs to increase the education and awareness of the environment and the benefits and ramifications of proactive measures; investigate potential funding in order to implement programs directly in the community and to operate the activities of the Commission, and monitor legislative activities that would affect the City and provide recommendations to the City Council.

2) Upon recommendation or action by the City Council, representatives of this Commission may assist in other issues deemed necessary as the environmental integrity of the City affects numerous areas of municipal government, planning, transportation, air quality, congestion management, and community improvement.

3) The Commission shall also serve in advisory capacity to the City Council on issues deemed relevant to the environment and sustainability of City.”

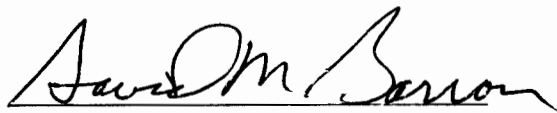
SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause the same to be published in the manner prescribed by law within fifteen days after its passage, and said ordinance shall become effective thirty days after adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2005.



Mike Eng, Mayor
City of Monterey Park, California

Attest:



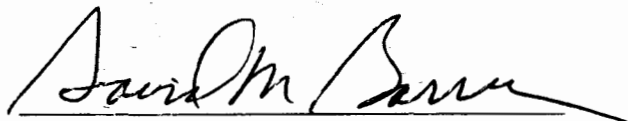
David M. Barron, City Clerk
City of Monterey Park, California

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of Monterey Park)

I, David M. Barron, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2029 was introduced, and placed upon its first reading at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Monterey Park, held on the 16th day of February, 2005. That thereafter on the 2nd day of March, 2005, said Ordinance was duly passed, approved and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members: Martinez, Lau, Chu, Venti, Eng
Naes: Council Members: None
Absent: Council Members: None
Abstain: Council Members: None

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2005.



David M. Barron, City Clerk
City of Monterey Park, California