AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, amending the Kent City Code to create a new Chapter 2.62 which codifies the provisions of Resolution 1298 establishing the Kent Bicycle Advisory Board and adds new language clarifying how terms are staggered and how terms are filled following a vacancy.

RECITALS

A. The City Council created the Kent Bicycle Advisory Board ("Board") by Resolution No. 1298 in 1991. Its primary purpose was to promote the active involvement of bicycle enthusiasts in the form of an organized board to advise the City on matters related to bicycling, including the impact City actions may have upon bicycling. The Board contributes in an advisory capacity to all aspects of the City’s planning processes insofar as they may relate to bicycling.

B. The formation and constitution of the Board was previously established only within a resolution. All other legislative action concerning Council created boards and commissions are codified and organized under Title 2, and it is appropriate to codify these provisions there as well. Accordingly, this ordinance creates a new chapter 2.62 within Title 2 of the Kent City Code.
C. The original resolution establishing the Kent Bicycle Advisory Board did not expressly set forth what happens as a result of the resignation of a member. Thus, this ordinance specifies that a member appointed to fill vacancy prior to the end of a term will serve the remaining time identified for that position.

D. This ordinance also clarifies that the terms of the 11 members will be staggered. Each member will be identified by a number 1 through 11. Those assigned an odd number will have their two-year term start on April 1 of the odd numbered year, ending on March 31 of the next odd numbered year. The two-year term of even numbered positions will start on April 1 of the even numbered year, ending on March 31 of the next even numbered year.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE

SECTION 1. - Amendment. Title 2 of the Kent City Code is amended to add a new Chapter 2.62, entitled “Kent Bicycle Advisory Board,” as follows:

CHAPTER 2.62
Kent Bicycle Advisory Board

Sec. 2.62.010. Created. There is hereby created the Kent Bicycle Advisory Board.

Sec. 2.62.020. Purpose. The Kent Bicycle Advisory Board may advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the City on matters related to bicycling including the impact City actions may have upon bicycling. Such Board shall have the opportunity to contribute in an advisory capacity to all aspects of the City's planning processes insofar as they may relate to bicycling.
Sec. 2.62.030. Membership.

A. Number of members. The membership of the Kent Bicycle Advisory Board shall be eleven (11) members, each of whom shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The Board shall serve under the direction of the mayor subject to council directives, and shall receive technical support from City staff.

B. Terms of office. The term of office for board members shall be two (2) years. Board members may serve multiple terms.

1. Positions on the Board shall be identified by a number from 1 through 11. The term of the odd numbered positions shall start on April 1 of the odd numbered year and end March 31 of the next odd numbered year. The even number positions shall start April 1 of the even numbered year and end March 31 of the next even numbered year.

2. Board members, when appointed to fill a vacancy prior to the end of a term, will be assigned to fill the vacant position and serve the remaining time identified for that position.

C. Representation. In order to provide the most diverse representation possible on the Board its members should, to the extent possible, consist of representatives of:

1. Bike and cycling organizations;

2. Bicycle dealers;

3. Organizations concerned with safety;

4. Representatives of business organizations;

5. Interested private citizens concerned with urban cycling issues;
Sec. 2.62.040. Duties & Responsibilities of Board.

A. The Board shall review proposals concerning bicycling and bicyclists in the City and advise the mayor and city council, representatives from the city departments and offices who are so delegated by the department director. Engineering staff or other city staff may provide technical assistance and provide input as needed.

B. The Board shall:

1. Assist in the formulation of Kent's Comprehensive Bikeway Plan.

2. Review proposals and plans for spot improvements and bikeways.

3. Promote bicycling as a viable form of urban transportation.

4. Promote improved safety to reduce accidents and thefts of bicycles by educating both youth and adult cyclists, by evaluating and recommending changes in design standards for on-street and off-street bikeways, trails, and paths accessible to bicyclists and for secured parking racks and lockers.

5. Develop possible demonstration projects to encourage commuting through provision of safe, accessible routes, secure parking facilities, and facilities for commuter clean-up and changing from riding to work clothes.

SECTION 2. – Severability. If any one or more section, subsection, or sentence of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance and the same shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION 3. - Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser. Upon approval of the city attorney, the city clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; ordinance, section, or subsection numbering; or references to other local, state, or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations.

SECTION 4. - Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage, as provided by law.

DANA RALPH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KIMBERLEY A. KOMOTO, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ARTHUR "PAT" FITZPATRICK, CITY ATTORNEY

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