

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE CHARLOTTE NEIGHBORHOOD EQUITY AND STABILIZATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council approved the creation of the Charlotte Neighborhood Equity and Stabilization Commission (“Charlotte’s NEST”) with the adoption of the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan – Plan Policy on June 21, 2021, by City Council resolution.

WHEREAS, the General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 160D, Article 3, Section 306 (2020), provide that a local government may by ordinance establish advisory boards as deemed appropriate.

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte desires to address displacement caused by gentrification in a comprehensive, broad, systemic, and intentional manner.

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte currently has an adopted Affordable Housing Framework coupled with a number of neighborhood programs that are used to address gentrification; and wishes to engage the community in developing additional strategies to limit displacement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte as follows:

SECTION 1. Creation. There is hereby established the Charlotte Neighborhood Equity and Stabilization Commission (“Charlotte’s NEST”) for an initial three (3) year term.

SECTION 2. Composition and Terms. Charlotte’s NEST shall be composed of fifteen (15) members appointed as hereinafter provided. The terms of office shall be three (3) years, and no member may serve more than one term. The Mayor shall make five (5) appointments and the City Council shall make ten (10) appointments, who shall be appointed according to the following criteria:

- a) Three (3) appointees in the Housing Advocates category (one (1) appointed by the Mayor, two (2) appointed by City Council);
- b) Three (3) appointees in the Neighborhood Leaders or Community Organizers Category (one (1) appointed by the Mayor, two (2) appointed by City Council);
- c) Three (3) appointees in the Real Estate Development Industry category as specified below:
 - i. Non-Profit Affordable Housing Developer (one (1) appointment by the Mayor),
 - ii. For Profit Affordable Housing Developer (one (1) appointment by City Council), and
 - iii. Market Rate Housing Developer (one (1) appointment by City Council).

- d) Two (2) appointees that are residents in areas that have experienced or are experiencing displacement (one (1) appointed by the Mayor, one (1) appointed by City Council);
- e) One (1) Urban Studies and Planning Representative with experience in displacement and gentrification and implementing equitable inclusive development strategies (one (1) appointment by the Mayor);
- f) One (1) Housing Finance Representative with experience in rental housing finance and homeownership and affordable and subsidized housing (one (1) appointment by City Council);
- g) One (1) Land Use Representative with expertise and experience in historic preservation and landmarks, zoning, and development rights (one (1) appointment by City Council);
- h) One (1) Neighborhood Conditions Representative with expertise and experience in economic development, health, racial/ethnic segregation, schools and education, and crime (one (1) appointment by City Council).
- i) The Mayor shall appoint the Chairperson.

SECTION 3. Qualifications of Members. Appointees must take an oath of office and are subject to the City Council’s Attendance and Anti-Harassment Policies, Code of Ethics, Gift Policy, and Disclosure Requirements for members of committees.

SECTION 4. Purpose and Duties. Charlotte’s NEST is established for the following purposes and to perform the following duties:

- a) Charlotte’s NEST shall have as its purpose to review and recommend specific anti-displacement strategies and tools for protecting residents of moderate to high vulnerability of displacement.
- b) Charlotte’s NEST shall make regular reports to City Council’s Great Neighborhoods Committee, quarterly reports to the entire Council, and provide recommendations for combatting displacement consistent with the Charlotte Future 2040 Plan.

SECTION 5. Meetings. Charlotte’s NEST shall regularly hold meetings at such time and location as it shall determine.

SECTION 6. Validity. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This the _____ day of _____, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney