AN ORDINANCE

repealing Resolution 156-11 which established the Transit System Task Force; amending Chapter 2 of the City Code to modify the Public Transportation Advisory Commission by making it the Public Transit Advisory Commission; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Resolution 156-11, which established the Transit System Task Force, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in strikeout; material to be added underlined.

DIVISION 12. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

Section 2-336. Established.

The public transportation transit advisory commission is hereby established.

Section 2-337. Duties.

The commission shall have the following duties:

(1) Advise city staff with regard to transit policy and safety matters concerning all forms of transit issues affecting the city, for example, conventional vehicles, transit, alternative modes, accessibility, and customer amenities.

(2) Serve as a sounding board for citizen transit, pedestrian and safety and access issues and make recommendations to the city council and city staff for appropriate action.
(3) Recommend rules and procedures governing public transit service programs, equipment and facilities considering regulatory guidelines, service improvements, and activities of persons utilizing transit services and facilities.

(4) Aid in the development of a city transportation improvement program by providing citizen input on needed projects for submission to the metropolitan planning organization.

(5) Create and review surveys and facilitate public input on public transit programming and facility usage.

(6) Recommend and promote marketing strategies for community outreach programs in order to strengthen the transit image, increase usage, and integrate its role within the community.

(7) Study issues arising under the Columbia Transit Master Plan as they relate to transportation, make recommendations to the city council and metropolitan planning organization, and prepare reports to aid in the development, implementation and general improvement of the master plan relating to the public transit in the city.

(8) Other duties assigned by the city council.

Section 2-338. Membership.

(a) The commission shall consist of nine (9) thirteen (13) members. One (1) member shall be a University of Missouri student appointed by the council to a one year term. One (1) member shall be a Columbia College student or administrator appointed by the Columbia College administration. One (1) member shall be a Stephens College student or administrator appointed by the Stephens College administration. One (1) member shall be a representative of the University of Missouri appointed by the chancellor of the University of Missouri administration. One (1) member shall be a member of the disabilities commission appointed by the disabilities commission. One (1) member shall be a member of the bicycle/pedestrian commission appointed by the bicycle/pedestrian commission. The other remaining nine (9) at large members shall be appointed by the city council. Consideration shall be given to the appointment of an eligible Columbia Transit paratransit rider, an owner or representative of a business, a member of the disabilities commission, a member of the bicycle/pedestrian commission, a representative of the Columbia Public School District, and/or a representative of Columbians for Modern Efficient Transit (CoMET), an advocacy group of PedNet.

(b) Three (3) of the initial at large members appointed by the city council shall serve terms of one (1) year, and three (3) shall serve terms of two (2) years, and three (3) shall serve terms of three (3) years. The member appointed by the disabilities commission shall serve a term of two (2) years. The member appointed by the bicycle/pedestrian commission shall serve a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, appointments made to the at
large positions by the council shall be for terms of two (2) three (3) years, except that appointments to fill vacancies, occurring other than by expiration of terms, shall be filled for the unexpired term only. The term of each member appointed by the council shall end on March 1, or until a successor is duly appointed and qualified. It shall be the duty of the chair to promptly notify the city council of a vacancy. The members appointed by persons other than the city council shall serve for terms designated by the appointing authority and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Section 2-339. Officers.

The commission shall annually elect one of its members as chair at the first meeting after the beginning of each fiscal year. The chair shall appoint a vice-chair from the remaining commission members. The chair shall preside at all meetings. In the absence of the chair or the chair’s inability to preside, the vice-chair shall preside. The commission rules may specify the duties of the officers.

Section 2-340. Meetings; quorum; rules.

The commission shall meet at least quarterly. Five (5) Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum to do business. The commission may adopt rules for the conduct of its business.

Sec. 2-341—2-345. Reserved.

SECTION 3. In order to provide for staggered terms, the terms of Michael Seat, Shanna Seyer and Alyce Turner shall end on March 1, 2016; the terms of Carlos Alvarado, Anne Ahlvers and Steven Hanson shall end on March 1, 2015; and the terms of Mike Peplow, David Heise and a vacant position shall end on March 1, 2014.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 20th day of May, 2013.

ATTEST:

Sheela Amin Robert McDavid
City Clerk Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Nancy Thompson
City Counselor