



Office of the City Clerk
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TUCSON-PIMA COUNTY
METROPOLITAN ENERGY COMMISSION
(TPCMEC)

CREATED BY:

Tucson Code, Chapter 10A, Article X
Ordinance 5218, adopted September 8, 1980
Ordinance 5999, adopted April 16, 1984
Resolution 15668, adopted May 6, 1991

* Ordinance 10872, adopted January 19, 2011

MEMBERSHIP / QUALIFICATIONS:

This a joint Commission with Pima County. Membership shall consist of sixteen (16) members, who shall serve without compensation, except that the City and County may each appoint one (1) staff member to serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. Membership shall be appointed as follows:

1. Eight (8) members shall represent Pima County
2. Eight (8) members shall represent the City of Tucson
3. One (1) representative from other municipalities located in Pima County may participate in the Metropolitan Energy Commission who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES:

- To confer with and advise the governing bodies on community concerns relating to energy and to act as an official advisory agency of the City and County for technical questions and concerns related to energy.
- To review and make recommendations on proposed legislation, whether local, state or federal, relating to energy and its use, and to cooperate with all federal, state, county and municipal agencies and nongovernmental organizations.

* Denotes Change(s)

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- To support and sponsor community programs and projects to provide information and education to the community on improved use of energy and to develop and encourage community efforts and resources for the conservation of energy, and development of alternative energy forms.
- To evaluate and make recommendations on any program, either for the government or for the private sector, that could:
 - Improve energy efficiency by promoting the best use of what we now have in the way of resources.
 - Inspire energy innovation for the proliferation of additional resources through new technology.
- To determine, from contact with other jurisdictions, what programs are being proposed to promote energy savings, or to use more efficient energy alternatives, and make appropriate recommendations on adapting such programs to local use.
- To study and make recommendations to government agencies and the private sector on possible demonstration programs involving new technology and/or personnel practices to dramatize and effect more efficient energy use, and to stimulate and encourage the cooperation of other community groups in the area of energy and its use.
- To render an annual report of commission activities to the governing bodies of the city and county, and to file minutes of commission meetings with the two (2) governing bodies.
- On or before March 1 of each year, the commission shall submit to the governing bodies of the city and county a detailed budget requesting funds for the next fiscal year commencing on July 1.
- The commission shall maintain adequate books of record regarding all money received and expended, which shall be subject to audit by the governing bodies of the city and county.

QUORUM:

A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The concurrence of the majority of the members constituting a quorum shall be the act of the commission.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

1. Members of the mayor and council and the city manager shall each appoint one (1) of the city members.

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- * 2. Each member of the commission, appointed by the City, shall serve a term of four (4) years from the time of that member's appointment, provided always that the term shall also be coterminous with the term of the office of the mayor or council member who appointed the commission member, or until the commission member's successor is appointed.
3. An appointment to fill a vacancy resulting other than from expiration of a term shall be for the unexpired term only.

APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:

- * All provisions of Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable, including 10A-134(e), whereby a member of the Commission appointed by the City who fails to attend four (4) consecutive meetings for any reason, or fails to attend at least forty percent (40%) of the meeting called in a calendar year, that member's appointment shall be terminated, and the member shall be automatically and immediately removed as a member of the commission.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:

General Services Department: 791-5111

HISTORICAL NOTES:

On September 8, 1980, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 5218, which created the Tucson-Pima County Metropolitan Energy Commission and codified it in Chapter 10A, Article X.

On April 16, 1994, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 5999, which amended the Tucson Code by changing the manner of appointing City members of the Commission, providing for appointments by individual members of the Mayor and City Council and the City Manager rather than being appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the City Council.

On May 6, 1991, the Mayor and Council adopted Resolution No. 15668, which authorizes and approves Commission-developed resolutions relating to federal, state and local energy policy and planning.

HISTORICAL NOTES (con't.):

- * *On January 19, 2011, the Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance No. 10872, which changes the term dates from two years to four years or coterminous with that of the appointing official or until a successor is appointed and amending Tucson Code Section 10A-110 to read the same as Section 10A-134(e) relating to attendance.*