



March 2022

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Joint Sustainability Committee

**Presented By:
Office of the City Clerk**

Staff Recommended: Proposed Bylaw Amendments

- **Edit Article 2. PURPOSE AND DUTIES: include Austin Climate Equity Plan**
- **Edit Article 3. MEMBERSHIP: to increase membership from 13 to 18, Mayor will nominate five additional members**
- **Edit Article 7. MEETINGS (D): edit meeting frequency to monthly**
- **Edit Article 7. MEETINGS (F): edit number required to obtain quorum due to increased membership, quorum would be 10**

Proposed Amendments Staff Does Not Recommend

- Edit Article 8. COMMITTEES (A)
 - JSC proposed amendment: "The Joint Sustainability Committee **may have** committees."
 - Staff does not recommend edit unless a committee is established; staff recommends maintaining the standard agenda template language:
 - "The Joint Sustainability Committee will have no committees."
- Edit Article 8. WORKING GROUPS (D)
 - JSC proposed amendment: "Staff support is **not guaranteed** for working groups"
 - Staff does not recommend as City Code does not provide staff support for working groups; staff recommends maintaining the standard agenda template language:
 - "Staff support will not be provided for working groups."

Proposed Bylaw Amendments: Article 7. MEETINGS (H)

- **JSC Proposed Amendment:**

"A board action is adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members actually present (18 member board, quorum is 10, 2/3 of 10 is =7 votes)."

- **Staff Recommendation (based on City Code § 2-1-6 and bylaw template):**

"If only a quorum is present at a meeting, a board action is adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the quorum (18 member board, quorum is 10, 2/3 of 10 is = 7 votes). If more than a quorum is present at a meeting, a board action must be adopted by an affirmative vote of the number of members necessary to provide a quorum (18 members = 10 votes)."

Affirmative Votes Needed for Action

Standard 11 Member Body

Present	Quorum	Affirmative Votes Needed
6	6	6
7	6	6
8	6	6
9	6	6
10	6	6
11	6	6

JSC 18 Member Body (staff recommendation per City Code § 2-1-6)

Present	Quorum	Affirmative Votes Needed
10	10	7
11	10	10
12	10	10
13	10	10
14	10	10
15	10	10
16	10	10
17	10	10
18	10	10

JSC 18 Member Body (currently proposed)

Present	Quorum	2/3 Present – Affirmative Votes Needed
10	10	7
11	10	8
12	10	8
13	10	9
14	10	10
15	10	10
16	10	11
17	10	12
18	10	12