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- 2 (b) To obtain community input on the resources needed to address food issues within the City;
- 3 and,
- 4 (c) To support urban agriculture such as community gardens and other potential sources of
- 5 fresh food; and,
- 6 (d) To promote educational programs about:
- 7 (i) diet-related diseases; and,
- 8 (ii) food waste; and,
- 9 (iii) to increase public awareness of food programs, food deserts and food policy
- 10 decisions that should be considered by elected officials; and,
- 11 (e) To establish methodologies and programs to monitor available data on the nutrition status
- 12 of residents of the City most impacted by the inequities in the local food system; and,
- 13 (f) To explore ways for the City to improve the availability and quality of food to its citizens.

14 **Section 4.** In fulfilling any of its duties or obligations as set forth in this ordinance, the Food

15 Commission shall obtain information from City Agencies, Non-Profit Organizations, existing programs,

16 governmental resources and other relevant entities, in order to present a thorough well-researched policy

17 consideration to the Board of Directors.

18 **Section 5. *Food Commission Policy Recommendations.*** Beginning in the second December after

19 the creation of the Food Commission and the selection of its members, and afterwards in December on an

20 annual basis, unless otherwise requested the Board of Directors, the Commission shall report on the work

21 completed in the previous year, its findings, identification of significant areas of concern and any policy

22 recommendations that it has for consideration by the Elected Officials.

23 **Section 3. *Severability.*** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or

24 word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or

25 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and

26 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of this

27 ordinance.

28 **Section 4. *Repealer.*** All ordinances or resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby repealed

29 to the extent of such conflict.

30 **Section 5. *Emergency Clause.*** *There is hereby found and declared to be an immediate need for the*

31 *compilation of information regarding food deserts, access to healthy food, creation of urban agriculture*

32 *programs, education of the public about diet-related decisions and identification of programs and policies*

33 *that address these issues; further, such a need for action is essential to protect to public health, safety and*

34 *welfare; an emergency is, therefore, declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and take*

35 *effect immediately upon and after its passage.*

1 **PASSED: March 19, 2024**

2 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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5 **Susan Langley, City Clerk**

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

6 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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9 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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