## ORDINANCE NO.15-747

## AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH STANDING COMMITTEES FOR THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS AND THEIR MAKEUP.

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of establishing certain Standing Committees and their makeup.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: Committees – The City of Clarksville hereby designates and formulates the following Committees of the City Council of Clarksville, Arkansas, to serve as standing committees of the city, to wit:

- A. Streets, Drainage and Sidewalks
- B. Budget
- C. Personnel
- D. Humane Society
- E. Ordinance Review/ Code Revision
- F. Short-term Ad Hoc Committees to be appointed as needed.

SECTION 2: Members. Except as provided below, each of the standing committees shall consist of a minimum of two (2) Council Members and two (2) citizens from the city of Clarksville with the Mayor and Department Heads serving as ex-officio members of each committee. The Humane Society/Animal Control Committee shall consist of a minimum of one (1) Council Member and two (2) citizens from the City of Clarksville with the Mayor and Department Head serving as ex-officio members of this committee. All standing committees shall meet as needed and shall report to the Mayor and Council during the following regular council meeting.

SECTION 3: Terms. Committee membership shall be for a term of one (1) year, with membership being appointed during the month of January each year. No council member shall serve on more than three (3) standing committees at one time. Citizens serving as Commissioner on any city commission such as Planning Commission, etc. shall not serve as a citizen member on any Standing Committee.

SECTION 4: Membership. The membership of each committee shall be recommended by the Mayor and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the City Council. All appointments shall, to as full extent as possible, consider the desires and qualifications of Council members on specific committees. Should a vacancy occur on any committee by a Council member, then the newly elected or appoint City Council member shall fill the committee member's vacancy created by their predecessor. All other vacancies shall be filled as specified above.

SECTION 5: Chairpersons. The determination of chairpersons on the various committees will be by a vote of the members of the committee, which shall occur at the first meeting of their newly elected terms, however, only council members shall serve as chairmen. All members of the committee hold an equal voice within the committee. Any decision reached by the committee shall be based upon a majority vote of all committee members. A representative from the committee will then be responsible for bringing the decision of the committee to the City Council.

SECTION 6. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to further the best interest of the city by promoting structure and continuity of its committees. Also, the purpose of the committees formed by this ordinance shall be to aid and advise the City Council in making decisions that are in the best interest of the city of Clarksville. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as abrogating any power and authority held by the City Council and/or Mayor under existing state law.

SECTION 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

APPROVED:

Mark Simpson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Blackard, City Clerk/Treasurer