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## CITY COUNCIL CREATES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS

JACKSON, MI - Jackson is positioning itself for a cleaner, greener future.

Earlier this month, Jackson City Council voted to establish the Jackson Environmental Commission, a 12-member board set to begin operating March 15. Of the 12 commission members, five are nominated by the mayor and confirmed by city council appointment.

The commission will develop comprehensive, integrated environmental policies for the city to protect and enhance its air, water and land quality, the ordinance adopted Feb. 13 reads. As an advisory body, the commission cannot enact policy, but rather advise and make recommendations to the Jackson City Council for review.

Jackson Mayor Derek Dobies spearheaded the ordinance, and made mention of his attempt at the State of the City address Feb. 20.

“It’s clear we must modernize our waste systems, enhance our recycling operations, integrate green technologies for infrastructure, transportation and conservation,” he said. “The commission will help us become more efficient, explore new funding opportunities and join with community partners on keystone projects to emphasize our commitment to sustainability.”

City officials are currently accepting applications for vacant commission seats, including the five seats up for appointment on the environmental commission. Those interested can pick up a copy of an application on the 14th floor of City Hall, 161 W. Michigan Ave., or on the city’s website: [www.cityofjackson.org](http://www.cityofjackson.org).

Other vacancies within the city’s boards and commissions include seats on the Building Code Board of Review, Civil Service Commission, Local Officers Compensation Commission, Public Arts Commission, Region 2 Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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