

1 **2021 RES-357**

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3 **CREATING WORK GROUPS OF THE DANE COUNTY FOOD COUNCIL**

4 The Dane County Food Council is a 9-member body established to explore issues and develop
5 recommendations to create an economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable local
6 food system for the Dane county region. Seven of the council members are community
7 members that represent various aspects of the food system including food security, nutrition,
8 urban agriculture, food production, processing, distribution, retail and waste.

9 In order to plan effective meetings, a subgroup of members have been meeting as work groups.

10 A recent update to Chapter 15 requires:

11 15.04 GENERAL PROVISIONS. (2)(a) All subcommittees in existence as of the effective date of
12 this ordinance shall be dissolved on December 31, 2017 unless continuation is approved by
13 resolution adopted by the County Board and approved by the County Executive. (b) Unless the
14 resolution authorizing a subcommittee specifies a sunset date for the subcommittee, each
15 subcommittee shall be dissolved unless reauthorized by resolution by December 31st of the
16 year following its most recent authorization.

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18 In order to meet the requirements of Chapter 15, as well as the spirit of the Open Meetings Law,
19 the Board seeks to formalize 3 work groups:

- 20 (1) Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Work Group
21 (2) Food Access, Relief, & Economic Support Work Group
22 (3) Food Plan Work Group

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby
24 creates three Work Groups as follows:

25 Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty Work Group to consist of up to 4 members to:
26 bolster opportunities for urban and peri-urban agriculture; provide support for food growers,
27 especially BIPOC and immigrant growers; and center food sovereignty of BIPOC populations.

28 Food Access, Relief, & Economic Support Work Group to consist of up to 4 members to
29 address equity in food council funding program processes.

30 Food Plan Policy Work Group to consist of up to 4 members to assess of community
31 food system needs and the development of a regional food system plan.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the work group will serve only as long as they
33 are members of the Board.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the three work groups shall sunset December 31, 2024.

35 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Work Group members shall be entitled to per diems and
36 mileage as provided in Chapter 15.