

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_ of 2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17  
ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD"  
OF THE ONEONTA MUNICIPAL CODE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council for the City of Oneonta as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 17 of the City of Oneonta Municipal Code entitled "Environmental Board" is hereby amended by the replacement of the provisions of § 17-5 entitled "Powers and Duties".

Section 2. § 17-5 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 17: ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

**§ 17-5 Powers and duties.**

The powers and duties of the Board shall be to:

A. Advise the Common Council on matters affecting the preservation, development and use of the natural and built features of the city, insofar as they have a bearing on environmental quality.

B. Raise public awareness concerning the importance of a healthy environment, collect and disseminate public comment on environmental issues and encourage public support of environmentally sound policies and actions.

C. Improve the coordination and effectiveness of programs undertaken by the public and private agencies to preserve and enhance the environment.

D. Evaluate activities, projects and operations that may affect the environment to determine where major threats to environmental quality exist and recommend, when appropriate, policies and remedial actions.

E. Advocate for a responsible balance between sustainable economic growth and prudent environmental stewardship by maintaining a dialog with appropriate City Commissions/Boards.

F. Carry out such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Common Council.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately and in accordance with law.