

CHAPTER 32 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

32.01 SHORT TITLE

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the Chisago City Economic Development Authority Chapter.

32.02 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words and their derivations shall have the meanings as set out in the subdivisions, which follow:

Subd. 1 Authority is the Economic Development Authority of the City as created by this chapter.

Subd. 2 President is the President of the Economic Development Authority as provided for hereunder.

Subd. 3 Planning Commission is the Planning Commission of the City of Chisago City.

32.03 ESTABLISHMENT

An Economic Development Authority is hereby established to be advisory to the City Council and Planning Commission.

32.04 COMPOSITION

The Authority shall consist of seven (7) persons appointed by the Council, two Council members and 5 appointed at large.

32.05 TERMS OF OFFICE

Of the members of the Authority first appointed, four (4) shall be appointed for the term of two (2) years, the second three (3) shall be appointed for the term of one (1) year. Their successors shall be appointed for terms of six (6) years. Vacancies during the term shall be filled by the Council.

32.06 QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications of the members of the Authority shall be those who in the judgment of the Council are representative of the community, and are qualified by training, experience and interest useful for the fulfillment of the Authority's responsibility in Economic Development. Residency in the City is not a qualification for appointment.

32.07 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

The Council, by a unanimous vote of all its members, shall have the authority to remove any member of the Authority from office, whenever, in its discretion, the best interests of the City shall be served thereby.

32.08 OATH AND COMPENSATION

Every appointed member shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take an oath that he will faithfully discharge the duties of this office. All members shall be compensated at a fixed per diem rate of \$40.00 per meeting attended (regular and special).

32.09 MEETINGS-OFFICERS

The Authority will name its own officers to serve at its pleasure: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer.

A) Regular Meetings

The Authority shall meet publicly in regular session at least once each quarter at a time and place selected by a majority of its members.

B) Special Meetings

The President or any three members of the Authority shall have the authority to call special meetings of the Authority. Written notice of special meetings shall be given to all members at least 24-hours prior to the time of the meeting unless the time and place for the special meeting is at a regular or regularly adjourned meeting.

C) Officers

Within 30-days after their appointment, the members of the Authority shall meet in regular session.

32.10 DUTIES

The Authority is an agency of the Council with responsibility to:

- A) Promote the development and use of planned industrial, commercial, business sites, and recreation sites in the City.
- B) Provide information to realtors and lending institutions serving industrial, commercial, or business clients.
- C) Cooperate with site selection committees and industrial, commercial, or business leaders seeking a location for new or expanded plant facilities.
- D) Cooperate with civic betterment agencies interested in promoting the potential of the City's labor force and industrial, commercial, and business areas.
- E) Cooperate and coordinate the layout, preparation, and distribution of unsolicited industrial, commercial or business information from the City to out-state prospects with the State of Minnesota Department of Economic Development and its agencies.

32.11 POWERS

Subd. 1 The Authority shall have the power to appoint subcommittees of a size and nature it may deem necessary and enlist the aid of persons and/or organizations that are not members of the Authority. The Authority shall have power to make contracts, levy taxes, borrow money, or condemn property, and shall have the full power and responsibility to investigate the necessity and recommend the taking of these and any other actions related to industrial and commercial development, by the Council and all other officers of the City responsible, to formulate the terms of and the procedure for taking such action.

Subd. 2 To confer with and advise the Council and Planning Commission on all matters concerning the industrial, business, commercial, and recreation development of the City.

Subd. 3 To publicize the industrial, and commercial advantages and opportunities of the City.

Subd. 4 To collect data and information as to the type of industries and commerce best suited to the City.

Subd. 5 To periodically survey the over-all condition of the City from the standpoint of determining whether the City has a community climate for economic development and to determine the general receptiveness of the City to particular types of industry, commerce, or business.

Subd. 6 To publicize information as to the general advantages and disadvantages of industrial and commercial development in a community.

Subd. 7 To cooperate with all industries and businesses in the City in the solution of any community problems, which they may have, and to encourage the expansion, development, and management of such industries and businesses so as to promote the general welfare of the City.

Subd. 8 To cooperate with all community groups and civic organizations within the City and to furnish them such aid and advice as deemed appropriate.

Subd. 9 To aid the Council and Planning Commission in the proper zoning and orderly development of areas suitable for industrial and commercial development.

Subd. 10 To develop, compile, coordinate, and publicize with available funds information such as, but not limited to, the following:

- A) Existing industrial and commercial concerns with the City, their addresses, type of business, number of employees and whether each serves local, regional, or national markets.
- B) Available industrial and commercial sites including number of acres, approximate price, existing zoning and proximity to trackage and highways.
- C) Available buildings for industrial and commercial operation including type of building, number of square feet, existing zoning and proximity to trackage and

highway facilities.

- D) Transportation facilities, including railroads, motor carriers, water transportation, air transportation, and highway facilities.
- E) Electric power available.
- F) Fuel available for industrial and commercial use.
- G) Sewage disposal facilities.
- H) Water supply facilities.
- I) Community facilities such as fire, police, and educational.
- J) Recreational facilities.
- K) Going wage rates in the City for the trades, skilled, semi-skilled, and white collar workers.
- L) Availability of labor.
- M) General community attitude toward industrial and commercial expansion, development, and attraction.
- N) Experience and program of surrounding suburban communities in regards to industrial and commercial expansion, development, and attraction.

Subd. 11 To recommend to the Council and Planning Commission policies and particular actions in regards to industrial and commercial expansion, development, and attraction.

Subd. 12 City officials to cooperate. All City officials, department heads, employees, and appointees shall cooperate with the Authority and render all reasonable assistance.

Subd. 13 Annual Report-the Authority shall render annually a full report of its work to the Council if requested by the Council.

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