

ORDINANCE #

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH ORDAINS

That Chapter 1, Article IV, Section 1.402 – **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**, subsections B and C, of the Ordinances of the City of Portsmouth be amended as follows (deletions from existing language **stricken**; additions to existing language **bolded**; remaining language unchanged from existing):

ARTICLE IV: COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES

Section 1.402: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

- A. Membership and Term: The Economic Development Commission shall consist of nine (9) qualified regular members and one alternate member. They shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council for a term of four years, **except that the first two (2) appointments made by the Mayor for members whose terms expire in 2025 shall each be for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years from the end date of any expiring term. Vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the member whose departure from the Commission created the vacancy.** The Mayor and City Manager shall also serve as ex-officio members of the Economic Development Commission whose terms shall correspond to their respective tenure of office. (Amended 9/22/97)
- B. **Powers and Duties: ~~The Commission shall encourage the establishment of business and industry in Portsmouth and the surrounding area and promote the welfare of local industry and general business. (Adopted as amended 12/03/90)~~ The Commission shall develop and recommend to the City Council and other departments, City Manager, and boards and committees, and commissions of the City policies, procedures, regulations, and ordinances and take such other actions that encourage and promote economic and business development, including business recruitment, retention, and growth, and the creation and maintenance of a healthy, diversified, and sustainable business community in the City and broad prosperity in the community.**
- C. **Functions: In furtherance of its duties set out in Subsection B, the Commission may perform one or more of the following functions:**
- ~~The Commission shall make recommendations to the City Council concerning the acquisition, bonding, developing, building, leasing and mortgaging of commercial and industrial land and buildings and~~**

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~~other matters incidental to attracting business and industry to Portsmouth. (Adopted as amended 12/03/90)~~ **Assist the City Council and staff City Manager in the formulation of economic development goals for the City.**

2. ~~It shall be the general responsibility of the Economic Development Commission to increase and sustain the business and personal prosperity of all residents of this community while protecting and maintaining the quality of our natural environment and historic and cultural assets. This process should consist of the encouragement of a broad, productive community effort to coordinate and enhance the utilization of all community resources involved in any respect with economic development. The process should further ensure that adequate financing sources are available to those qualified enterprises, which desire to start up, expand, and/or locate in our Community. (Adopted as amended 12/03/90)~~ **Assess existing economic development policies of the City for the purpose of recommending such modifications as may be appropriate to promote the economic development goals of the City.**
3. **Formulate or assist in the formulation of new economic development strategies, policies, regulations, and ordinances for the purpose of achieving the economic development goals of the City in collaboration with the Assistant City Manager for Economic Development or as designated by the City Manager.**
4. **Prepare and submit recommendations to the City Council, the City Manager and other boards, committees, and commissions and ~~staff~~ on a broad range of matters generally related to economic development, including, business development, public-private partnerships, maintenance and development of commercial, industrial, and business districts, and business retention and attraction programs.**
5. **Make recommendations to the City Council regarding the acquisition, bonding, developing, building, leasing, financing and mortgaging of commercial and industrial land and buildings and other matters incidental to retaining and attracting business and industry to the City.**
6. **Respond to inquiries of the City Council on matters relating to economic development.**
7. **Conduct research into the economic conditions and trends of the community and the greater regional economy.**

- ~~8. Survey the business community regarding its condition, needs for and obstacles to its continued health, success, and growth.~~
- ~~9. Meet, meet and confer with businesses, civic organizations, developers, educational institutions, landowners, and citizens to learn promote the merits of economic development and to understand better the resources and needs of the community and to promote the merits of economic development to support its continued health, success, and growth.~~
- ~~109. Provide leadership and guidance to assigned department heads and staff the City Manager in the areas of planning of, economic development and redevelopment.~~
- ~~110. Perform such other duties as and provide such other information, assistance, and advice to the City Council, City Manager, and other boards, committees and commissions and staff as is consistent with Subsection B herein.~~

The City Clerk shall properly alphabetize and/or re-number the ordinances as necessary in accordance with this amendment.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby deleted.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL:

Kelli L. Barnaby, City Clerk