

ORDINANCE NO. 4637

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, CREATING A MESQUITE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD; ESTABLISHING THE BOARD'S REGULATIONS AND DUTIES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas ("City Council"), hereby creates a Mesquite Downtown Development Advisory Board established to serve the City Council in an advisory capacity.

Downtown Development Advisory Board.

(a) *Board created, membership, appointment.*

- (1) There is hereby created the Mesquite Downtown Development Advisory Board ("Board") which shall be an advisory body consisting of 12 citizens of the City.
- (2) Members shall be appointed by the City Council and shall serve without compensation.
- (3) The Board will annually appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary from the Board's membership.
- (4) Vacancies shall be filled by the City Council in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

(b) *Terms.*

- (1) Members shall be appointed to the following initial terms: four individuals to serve one-year terms; four individuals to serve two-year terms; and four individuals to serve three-year terms. Initial terms shall be staggered so that at the time of each annual meeting, the terms of approximately one-third of all members of the Board shall expire. At the conclusion of the initial term, members may be appointed to one additional three-year term.
- (2) Except for the initial terms outlined in Paragraph 1, appointments to the Board shall be for three-year terms, with no member serving more than two successive terms without a one-year break in service.
- (3) A term includes any period of service during a term.

- (4) Members shall serve from the date of appointment until their reappointment or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(c) *Membership requirements.*

- (1) Members shall attend no fewer than 80 percent of the regularly scheduled meetings in any six-month period unless the member's absence is approved by the Chair prior to the absence. Failure to comply with this attendance requirement constitutes a forfeiture of office, and the vacancy created shall be reported by the Board Secretary to the City Secretary. An office that has been forfeited under the provisions of this section shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment of the City Council.
- (2) Board members shall obey rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the City Council for the conduct of its business.

(d) *Duties.* That the duties of the Board shall include:

- (1) Serving as liaison to the City Council and making recommendations regarding Downtown Mesquite Development initiatives;
- (2) Making recommendations to the City Council for incentive programs;
- (3) Reviewing applications for City Council-approved incentive programs and recommending action regarding applications;
- (4) Monitoring programs and activities of the Organization, Promotion, Economic Vitality and Design Committees of the Board;
- (5) Serving as a forum for the exchange of information related to current or future Downtown Mesquite Development programs; and
- (6) Updating City Council of the status of Downtown Mesquite Development progress as needed.

(e) *Meetings.*

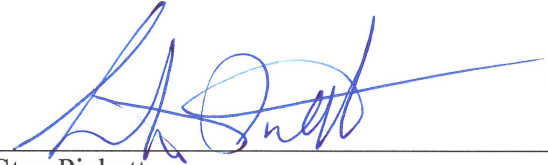
- (1) The Board shall meet upon the call of the Chair or upon written request, provided to the Board Secretary, of three members.
- (2) A simple majority of the membership of the Board, less any unfilled vacancies, constitutes a quorum. The number of votes necessary to decide a matter is a simple majority of the members present.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of December 2018.



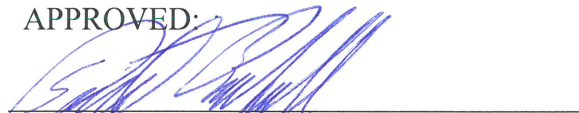
Stan Pickett
Mayor

ATTEST:



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City Secretary

APPROVED:



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City Attorney