

ORDINANCE 1582

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO NORTH BEND MUNICIPAL CODE 2.30 BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Business and Economic Development Commission (EDC) was originally created in 1996 consisting of seven appointed citizen members, to provide guidance and direction to the City Council on North Bend's future economic development through review of, and recommendations for improvement to, the economic development component of the City's comprehensive plan, and to advise the City Council on other economic development programs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the original members of the EDC included; City residency – three members; Valley business connection – three members; and one member at large from the community; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to enable an even higher functioning EDC, the City recently evaluated restructuring the EDC with a goal to create an “action oriented” Commission through direct input from the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council ultimately determined it was prudent to restructure the EDC into a five member commission consisting of; City residency - two members; a City business connection - two members; and one member shall be a North Bend City Councilperson; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the commission is to provide recommendations to the City Council regarding North Bend's economic growth and development, based upon specific work plans or projects as assigned by the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NBMC 2.30 Business and Economic Development Commission, Amended: The North Bend Municipal Code Chapter 2.30 Business and Economic Development Commission is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.30
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Sections:

2.30.010 Created.

2.30.020 Membership.

2.30.030 Meetings.

2.30.040 Duties and responsibilities.

2.30.010 Created.

There is hereby created a North Bend citizen advisory group to be called the Business and Economic Development Commission. The purpose of the commission is to provide recommendations to the city council for North Bend's economic growth and development, based upon specific work plans or projects as assigned by the city council.

2.30.020 Membership.

A. Number of Members. The commission shall consist of five members selected as follows: (i) at least two members shall be city residents; (ii) at least two members shall work for or have an ownership interest in a business located within the City but are not required to be city residents; and (iii) the remaining member shall be a city councilmember. The members shall be appointed for staggered terms of four years. Therefore, for members appointed in 2016, two members shall be appointed for terms expiring December 31, 2019, or until their successors are duly appointed and confirmed, and three members shall be appointed for terms expiring December 31, 2020, or until their successors are duly appointed and confirmed. Subsequent appointments for full terms shall begin as of January 1st and shall be for four-year terms, or until their successors are duly appointed and confirmed.

B. Appointment. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the mayor, and confirmed by the council and shall be selected without respect to political affiliation and shall serve without compensation.

C. Removal. Members shall be removed upon the recommendation of the mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the entire city council for neglect of duty, conflict of interest, malfeasance in office or other just cause, including unexcused absence for three consecutive regular meetings. The decision of the city council shall be final and there shall be no appeal therefrom.

D. Vacancies. Vacancies occurring other than through the expiration of the term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as for appointments as provided in this chapter.

2.30.030 Meetings.

A. The commission shall meet as necessary to complete those special projects or tasks assigned to the commission by the city council. The commission shall elect from among its members a chair who shall preside at all meetings and a vice chair who shall preside in the absence of the chair; provided, however that the council member shall serve as chair of the commission for the first official meeting of the commission, or until a successor is duly elected. A majority of the commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and a majority vote of those present shall be necessary to carry any motion.

B. The commission shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to conduct its business.

C. The commission shall keep a written record of its proceedings which shall be a public record.

2.30.040 Duties and responsibilities.

The commission shall be an advisory body to the administration and the city council and be responsible for providing information and recommendations pertaining to economic growth and development. Duties of the commission shall include:

A. Reviewing and making recommendations relating to specific economic development projects and tasks as assigned to the commission by the city council.

B. Reviewing and making recommendations relating to the economic development chapter of the North Bend Comprehensive Plan and economic development programs and priorities;

C. Such other and future duties as assigned by the city council.

Section 2. Severability: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date: This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BEND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 5TH DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

CITY OF NORTH BEND:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth G. Hearing, Mayor

Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk