

Ordinance #2003-12

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD TITLE 2, CHAPTER 5 TO THE LA VERGNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CREATE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the City of La Vergne to take a positive role in economic and commercial development within the La Vergne community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the business community of La Vergne, it is important for the City to take action supportive of quality of life of the residents of La Vergne; and

WHEREAS, because of the various different elements and factors involved in residential, commercial and industrial facets of the City of La Vergne, and the necessary inter-relationship of these facets, it is appropriate for the City to take advantage of the tremendous wealth of people in the community who have valuable experience, talents and expertise to contribute to help formulate economic development direction and action of the City, through an economic development advisory committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LA VERGNE, TENNESSEE, that:

SECTION I. Title 2, Chapter 5 of the La Vergne Municipal Code be created to read as follows:

CHAPTER 5

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SECTION

2-501. Economic development advisory committee created.

2-502. Membership.

2-503. Terms and Vacancies.

2.504. Officers - Meetings.

2.505. Role of the Advisory Board.

2.506. Compensation.

2-501. Economic development advisory committee created. There is created an advisory board to be known as "The Economic Development Advisory Committee of the City of La Vergne." (hereinafter referred to as "the committee") which shall serve as an advisory board, subject to the actions and policies of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

2-502. Membership. There shall be five (5) members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Four (4)

members of the Economic Development Advisory Board shall be appointed from among members of the public to include, to the extent reasonably possible, the broadest representation from people involved with or interested in the various and diverse aspects of economic development activities, and having backgrounds, experience, talents and expertise in areas of economic development that would be beneficial to the City and the community. One member shall be appointed by the Mayor from the Board of Aldermen and also affirmed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The Alderman appointed shall serve as chairman of the Committee.

2-503. Terms and Vacancies. The initial members of the committee shall serve terms terminating as follows: one (1) member's term shall expire June 30, 2004; one (1) member's term shall expire June 30, 2005; one (1) member's terms shall expire June 30, 2006; and one (1) member's terms shall expire June 30, 2007. Upon the expiration of each initial term, members shall be appointed for a four year term. Members shall be eligible for re-appointment. In case of any vacancies on the committee, vacancies shall be filled consistent with the procedures set forth in Section 2-502, for the unexpired terms for which such vacancies are filled. The Alderman appointed to serve as chairman shall vacate the chairmanship by resignation, upon departure from the governing board, or by removal by the governing board.

2-504. Officers - Meetings. (a). At its first meeting of each year, the Advisory Committee members shall elect a vice chairperson from among the members of the Advisory Committee. The committee shall determine their own schedule for meetings, keeping of minutes, and other details of the committee's functions.

(b). It shall be the duty of the chairperson to preside over all meetings of the Advisory Committee. The vice chairperson shall preside at all meetings where the chairperson is absent. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote of those present shall be necessary to carry any recommended action.

(c) The committee shall not have any authority over employees of the city, the city budget or property of the city, but shall act solely as an advisory committee. The publication and advertisement of the time and place of meetings of the committee will not be necessary, but shall be done at the committee's discretion. The City Administrator or his designee will provide the necessary staff support for the work of the committee and shall act as the liaison to the city government on the behalf of the committee.

2-505. Role of the Advisory Committee. The Economic Development Advisory Committee is created to assist the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and to advise the Board in connection with issues and programs involving economic development which may include:

(a). Facilitate cooperation and coordination with various community groups and neighborhoods on economic development issues;

(b). Make recommendations to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and to City staff for programs in which the City could or should participate to enhance economic development opportunities in the City, which programs may be in

cooperation with any appropriate private, public, civic or community agency, group or association of or in the City, county, state or federal government;

(c) Make recommendations to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen regarding requests for financial incentives from prospective businesses. These incentives may include the reduction or elimination of impact fees, water tap fees and/or sewer tap fees.

(d). Recommend ways and means of obtaining private, local, county, state or federal funds and other participation for the promotion of economic development projects within the City;

(e). Work with City of La Vergne staff, committees and other City/community based groups, as directed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, on economic issues and projects.

2-506. Compensation. The members of the Economic Development Advisory Committee shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses.

SECTION II. Each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence and clause of this ordinance is hereby declared to be separable and severable. The validity of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or clause shall not be effected by the invalidity of any other portion of this ordinance, and only any portion declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction shall be deleted herefrom.

SECTION III. That this Ordinance take effect forthwith upon its final passage, the public welfare requiring it.