

205. AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF GROTON (INITIALLY APPROVED APRIL 7, 2014; FINALLY APPROVED MAY 5, 2014)

WHEREAS, the City of Groton desires to be proactive in preserving and enhancing the economic and physical environment of the City using all tools at its disposal; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-136 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, grants any town, city, or borough, the right to establish, by ordinance, an economic development commission for the promotion and development of the economic resources of such municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-136 of the Connecticut General Statutes, there shall be created an Economic and Community Development Commission ("Commission") for the City of Groton formed for the purpose of the promotion and development of the economic resources of the city as follows:

POWERS AND DUTIES

The Commission shall generally promote, develop, preserve and enhance the economic and physical environment and general economic resources of the City of Groton's business, commercial, industrial sectors. Specific duties include: research into economic conditions and trends of the City and the formation of recommendations, programs, policies and procedures, plans, to improve conditions and enhance growth and development. Specific duties could include the creation of new or coordination of existing programs, activities, and opportunities to promote development and economic growth in The City.

The Commission shall annually prepare and transmit to the Mayor and City Council a report of its activities, an annual budget report and a report of its recommendations for improving such economic conditions and development including analysis of budget impacts of said recommendations.

MEMBERSHIP

The Commission shall consist of eight (8) regular members and two alternate members, holding no salaried or elected municipal office in the City of Groton and up to three (3) ex-officio, non-voting members representing other interests relevant to the duties of the Commission. Members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Groton. Terms shall be staggered as per CGS 7-136 and shall be for three (3) years. The mayor shall fill any vacancy and may remove any member for cause.

The Commission shall select a chairman and a secretary from its members, may adopt rules for the transaction of its business, and shall keep a public record of its activities. No Commission member will be compensated for their service.

FUNDING

The City may annually appropriate funds for the Commission's purposes, as allowed by CGS 7-136. The Commission shall be authorized to research and seek other sources of funding, donations and grants from sources approved by the Mayor and City Council. The Commission shall be authorized to expend no municipal funds other than those appropriated and approved by the Mayor and City Council.

VOLUNTEERS/STAFF

The Commission is authorized to enlist the volunteer services of such other members of the community who will assist in achieving the goals of sound economic and community growth. The Mayor may appoint dedicated staff to the Commission, as required.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was published in The Day, a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Groton on April 10, 2014 and April 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall be effective upon passage;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council finally approve “An Ordinance relative to the creation of an Economic Development Commission for the City of Groton”.

Initially Approved: April 7, 2014

Finally Approved: May 5, 2014


Marian K. Galbraith, Mayor


Debra Patrick, City Clerk