

**BYLAWS OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

ARTICLE 1. NAME.

The name of the board is the Community Development Commission.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE AND DUTIES.

The purpose of the board is to advise the council in the development and implementation of programs designed to serve the poor and the community at large with an emphasis on federally funded programs.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP.

- (A) The board is composed of fifteen members appointed by the city council as follows:
 - 1. seven members nominated by residents from each of the geographic areas designated in Subsection (B);
 - 2. a member nominated by each member of the city council; and
 - 3. one additional member

- (B) A member serves at the pleasure of the city council.

- (C) Board members serve for a term of three years beginning August 1st on the year of appointment

- (D) An individual board member may not act in an official capacity except through the action of the board.

- (E) A board member who is absent for three consecutive regular meetings or one-third of all regular meetings in a twelve month time period automatically vacates the member's position. This does not apply to an absence due to illness or injury if the member notifies the staff liaison of the reason for the absence no later than the next meeting of the board.

- (F) At each meeting, each board member shall sign an attendance sheet which indicates that the member does not have a conflict of interest with any item on that agenda, or identifies each agenda item on which the member has a conflict of interest.

- (G) A member who seeks to resign from the board shall submit a written resignation to the chair of the board, the staff liaison, or the city clerk's office. If possible, the

resignation should allow for a thirty day notice so the city council can appoint a replacement.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS.

- (A) The officers of the board shall consist of a chair and a vice-chair.
- (B) Officers shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the board at the first regular meeting after August 1st. In the event a current officer becomes ineligible to serve as an officer, the board may hold an emergency election as needed.
- (C) The term of office shall be one year, beginning September 1 and ending on August 31. An officer may continue to serve until a successor is elected. An officer may be reelected for not more than one additional one-year term.
- (D) A member may not hold more than one office at a time.

ARTICLE 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

- (A) The chair shall preside at board meetings, appoint all committees, and represent the board at ceremonial functions.
- (B) In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall perform all duties of the chair.

ARTICLE 6. AGENDAS.

- (A) Two or more board members may place an item on the agenda by oral or written request to the staff liaison at least five days before the meeting.
- (B) The staff liaison shall prepare and distribute the agenda to the board members not less than 72 hours before the meeting.
- (C) Posting of the agenda must comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS.

- (A) The board meetings shall comply with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).
- (B) Board meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.
- (C) The board may not conduct a closed meeting without the approval of the city attorney.
- (D) The regular meeting of the board shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., at the Street-Jones Building, 1000 East 11th Street Suite 400A, unless otherwise determined by the board. If the regular meeting day is a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday of the month.
- (E) The chair may call a special meeting, and the chair shall call a special meeting if requested by three or more members. The call shall state the purpose of the meeting. A notice of a special meeting must be in writing and sent to all members at least three days before the meeting.
- (F) Eight members constitute a quorum.
- (G) If a quorum for a meeting does not convene within one-half hour of the posted time for the meeting, then the meeting may not be held.
- (H) To be effective, a board action must be adopted by affirmative vote of not less than the eight members.
- (I) The chair has the same voting privilege as any other member.
- (J) The board shall allow citizens to address the board on agenda items and during a period of time set aside for citizen communications. The chair may limit a speaker to three minutes.
- (K) The staff liaison shall prepare the board minutes. The minutes of each board meeting must include the vote of each member on each item before the board and indicate whether a member is absent or failed to vote on an item.
- (L) The Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office shall retain all official board documents. The documents are public records under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 552 (Texas Public Information Act).
- (M) The chair shall adjourn a meeting not later than 10 p.m., unless the board votes to continue the meeting.

ARTICLE 8. COMMITTEES.

- (A) Each standing or special committee must be established by an affirmative vote of the board. Each committee shall consist of at least three board members appointed by the chair. A staff member shall be assigned to each committee by the director of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office.
- (B) The board chair shall appoint a committee member as the committee chair, with the member's consent.
- (C) A majority of the total number of appointed committee members constitutes a quorum.
- (D) Each standing committee shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis at least quarterly.
- (E) Each standing committee shall make an annual report to the board at the January board meeting.
- (F) Committee meetings must be posted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (Texas Open Meetings Act).

ARTICLE 9. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the board in all cases to which they are applicable, except when inconsistent with these bylaws or with special rules of order which the board or city council may adopt.

ARTICLE 10. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.

A bylaw amendment is not effective unless approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee.