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**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-1 (CITY BOARDS)  
RELATING TO THE DOWNTOWN COMMISSION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** Subsection (A)(1)-(2) of Section 2-1-141 (*Downtown Commission*) of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

(1) The mayor [~~may nominate two commission members~~] and each [~~other~~] council member may nominate one commission member to be appointed by council.

(2) The council shall also appoint eight [~~seven~~] commissioners from the membership of the boards and commissions described in Subsection (C). One commissioner is to be appointed from each board or commission to serve as a representative of that board or commission. The terms of these Downtown Commission members shall coincide with their terms on the board or commission that they represent.

**PART 2.** Subsection (B) of Section 2-1-141 (*Downtown Commission*) of the City Code is repealed and replaced with a new Subsection (B) to read as follows:

(B) The City Council shall solicit participation from recognized downtown stakeholder groups, such as:

- (1) downtown residents;
- (2) providers of human services to downtown clients;
- (3) commercial property owners;
- (4) business owners, operators, and associations; and
- (5) the real estate development community.

**PART 3.** Subsection (C) of Section 2-1-141 (*Downtown Commission*) of the City Code is amended to read as follows:

(C) Each of the following boards and commissions shall recommend one of its members for appointment to the commission:

- (1) Arts Commission;
- (2) Austin Music Commission;
- (3) Design Commission;
- (4) Downtown Austin Community Court Advisory Committee;
- (5)[4] Historic Landmark Commission;
- (6)[5] Parks and Recreation Board;
- (7)[6] Planning Commission; and
- (8)[7] Urban Transportation Commission.

**PART 4.** Subsection (D) of Section 2-1-141 (*Downtown Commission*) of the City Code is repealed and replaced with a new Subsection (D) to read as follows:

(D) The purpose of the Downtown Commission is to:

- (1) advise the city council and city staff regarding policies and projects impacting downtown Austin;
- (2) serve as stewards for the Downtown Austin Plan and, as such:
  - a. serve as a sounding board for the city council and staff on implementation of the Plan; and
  - b. offer recommendations on amendments to the Plan as needed;
- (3) maintain liaison relationships with city staff and other boards and commissions; and
- (4) perform other activities as directed by city council.

**PART 5.** Subsection (E) of Section 2-1-141 (*Downtown Commission*) of the City Code is repealed and Subsection (F) of Section 2-1-141 (*Downtown Commission*) is relabeled as Subsection (E).

**PART 6.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2012

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Lee Leffingwell  
Mayor

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

Karen M. Kennard  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk