AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING CITY BOARDS; AND PROVIDING FOR A TRANSITION FROM A SEVEN-MEMBER COUNCIL TO AN 11-MEMBER COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS.

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

PART 1. Board Transition.

(A) In this Part:

(1) "board" means a board named in Chapter 2-1 of the City Code, the Impact Fee Advisory Committee, and the Urban Renewal Authority. 

(2) "task force" has the meaning it has in Chapter 2-1 of the City Code.

(B) Beginning on the first date that the city council elected in the November 2014 general election convenes:

(1) the size, composition, officers, committees, and bylaws of each board are continued as each of these exist until June 30, 2015;

(2) unless otherwise required by state law or the City Charter a quorum of a board, and the number of votes required for action by the board, is a majority of the members, not including a member who has died, been removed, or resigned unless that member is serving in a hold-over capacity; and

(3) unless otherwise required by state law or the City Charter:

   (a) the term of each council appointee on a board is extended to June 30, 2015; and

   (b) the term of each council appointee on a board expires on June 30, 2015.

(C) If a vacancy exists on a board or a task force after the last regularly scheduled meeting of the seven-member at-large city council; the vacancy shall be filled by the council elected at the November 2014 general election. The mayor shall nominate a person to fill the vacancy, subject to the council’s approval. Unless
otherwise required by state law or the City Charter, a term of a person appointed to fill a vacancy under this subpart expires on June 30, 2015.

(D) A council member elected at the November 2014 election who will be entitled to nominate a person for appointment to a board under Chapter 2-1 as amended by Part 2 of this ordinance may nominate a person before the effective date of Part 2, and the council may make appointment a person who is nominated before the effective date of Part 2, provided:

(1) the appointment is not effective, and the person appointed may not assume the office before the effective date of Part 2; and

(2) before the effective date of Part 2, a person appointed shall, unless this requirement is waived by the City Clerk, complete the training required under Chapter 2-1. A waiver granted by the City Clerk ends on the effective date of Part 2.

PART 2. Section 2-1-4 of the City Code is amended to read:

§ 2-1-4 SIZE AND APPOINTMENT.

(A) Except as otherwise provided in Article 2 (Boards), a board consists of [seven] members appointed by the city council.

(B) For a board with [seven] or more members, each council member shall nominate one board member to serve on the board, and the mayor shall nominate the other board members.

(C) For a board with fewer than [seven] members, the mayor shall nominate the board members.

(D) All appointments of board members are subject to approval by a majority vote of council.

PART 3. Except as provided in this Part, this ordinance takes effect on August 18, 2014. Part 2 of this ordinance takes effect on July 1, 2015. Part 1 of this ordinance expires on June 30, 2015.
PASSED AND APPROVED

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