

CHAPTER 21

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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2-21-1: CREATION OF BOARD:

There is hereby created a Board to be known as the Economic Development Advisory Board. The Economic Development Advisory Board shall be composed of nine (9) persons who are residents of the City and six (6) nonvoting ex officio members. (2705,4216)

2-21-2: MEMBERSHIP:

The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for staggered terms of three (3) years. All terms shall terminate on June 30 of the applicable year. No member shall serve more than two (2) complete consecutive terms; however, a member may be reappointed after the lapse of one (1) year from the ending of the previous term. (2705,4216)

The membership of the Economic Development Advisory Board shall include: nine (9) voting members, and six (6) ex officio nonvoting members. Three (3) of the ex officio members shall be the Mayor, City Manager, the president and chief executive officer of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce, and three (3) may be members representing Mesa that are currently sitting on the Greater Phoenix Economic Council Board of Directors. (2705,4216)

The Economic Development Advisory Board shall elect one (1) of its members to serve as chairperson and one (1) of its members to serve as vice chairperson. All members shall serve without compensation. Any member absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without being excused shall be considered as having vacated the appointment. (2705,4216)

2-21-3: POWERS AND DUTIES:

The Economic Development Advisory Board shall act as the advisory board to the Mesa City Council on matters pertaining to economic development. (2705,4216)

Members of the Economic Development Advisory Board shall, among other duties, review and recommend to the City Council an annual work program, monitor such work program, and recommend changes to enhance economic development efforts. The Board shall also serve as a forum for economic development policy discussion and present findings and recommendations of such discussions to the City Council. The Board shall serve as advisors to the Economic Development Director and assist in identifying assets, resources, and incentives appropriate for implementation of Mesa's economic development strategy. This Board shall serve as a contact for persons or companies seeking to invest in the City of Mesa. (2705,4216)

Individual Boardmembers may serve as representatives of the City of Mesa at state, regional, and local economic development forums. In working towards accomplishing the goal of providing enhanced economic development opportunities, the Board will work in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Commerce, Arizona State University, Arizona Technology Council, Business Coalition, Downtown Development Committee, East Valley Partnership, Falcon Field Area Alliance, Gilbert Public Schools, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, Maricopa Association of Governments, Mesa Chamber of Commerce, Mesa Community College, Mesa Convention and Visitors Bureau, Mesa Public Schools, Mesa Town Center Corporation, Williams Gateway Airport Authority, and other strategic partners. (4216)

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