

RESOLUTION NO. 1935

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1927.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body and citizens of Gardner have expressed interest in increased citizen engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has established the following Strategic Priorities: Promote Economic Development, Improve Quality of Life, Fiscal Stewardship and Infrastructure and Asset Management; and

WHEREAS, citizen advisory committees are a significant means to obtain citizen involvement on key issues; and

WHEREAS, economic development is a key issue facing the City of Gardner and one of the Strategic Priorities previously identified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: An Economic Development Advisory Committee is hereby established.

SECTION TWO: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall consist of six members and all members shall be residents of the City of Gardner.

SECTION THREE: Each Governing Body member shall recommend an individual for appointment. Residents interested in serving on the Committee shall submit the following information to the City Clerk: name, address, and a paragraph explaining their interest in serving. Governing Body members will have fourteen days to review the recommended appointments and register any objections directly with the Governing Body member who made the recommendation. Following the fourteen days, recommendations shall be placed on the Consent Agenda for approval at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Recommendations for the Committee shall be voted upon as a slate of candidates. If the slate of candidates fails to be approved, the Governing Body shall submit a revised slate of candidates to be considered at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

SECTION FOUR: Two members shall be appointed for one year, two members for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for three-year terms. In the event of vacancies, the appointments shall be for the unexpired terms. The council member serving as an ex-officio board member of the Gardner Edgerton Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor shall serve as ex-officio members of the Committee. The council member serving as an ex-officio member of the Committee shall have a casting vote when the Committee is equally divided. Members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION FIVE: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall meet monthly. A quorum of the Committee is by a majority of the Committee. Meetings of the Committee are subject to the requirements of the Kansas Open Meetings Act and shall be open to the public. Records shall be kept of all Committee meetings.

SECTION SIX: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall provide broad policy recommendations to the City Council but shall avoid discussions or negotiations regarding any pending or proposed development agreements. Any inquiry regarding pending or proposed development agreements shall be referred to the Business & Economic Development Director.

SECTION SEVEN: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and shall have the following duties:

- (1) Review and provide recommendations on the Economic Development Strategy and Economic Development Incentive Policy;
- (2) Advise the City Council on the attraction and expansion of business, retail, industrial, and commercial development which is consistent with the City's comprehensive plan;
- (3) Review and provide recommendations regarding Economic Development policies, rules, regulations, and other matters relating to the economic development program of the City of Gardner, as directed by the City Council; and
- (4) Collaborate with other governmental agencies, non-profit, and for-profit organizations in the advancement of economic development programs and projects, as directed by the City Council.

SECTION EIGHT: This Resolution does hereby repeal Resolution No. 1927.

SECTION NINE: This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the Governing Body of the City of Gardner.

ADOPTED by the City Council on this 2nd day of November, 2015.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this 2nd day of November, 2015.

CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS

(SEAL)

/s/ Chris Morrow
Chris Morrow, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Jeanne Koontz
Jeanne Koontz, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

/s/ Ryan B. Denk
Ryan B. Denk, City Attorney