

# Ordinance No. 00031

[\(Council Minutes 96/01/03\)](#)

## ORDINANCE NO. 31

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington establishing an Economic Development Advisory Board

WHEREAS, with the incorporation of the City of Lakewood, it is incumbent on the City to take a positive role in economic and commercial development within the Lakewood community; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to the business community of Lakewood, it is important for the City to take action supportive of quality of life of the residents of Lakewood; and,

WHEREAS, because of the various different elements and factors involved in residential and commercial facets of the City of Lakewood, and the necessary inter-relationship of these facets, it is appropriate for the City to take advantage of the tremendous wealth of people in the community who have valuable experience, talents and expertise to contribute to help formulate economic development direction and action of the City, through an economic development advisory board.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN as follows:

Section 1. Economic Development Advisory Board created.

There is created an advisory board to be known as "The Economic Development Advisory Board of the City of Lakewood."

Section 2. Membership.

There shall be seven (7) members of the Economic Development Advisory Board who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, and who shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. To the extent reasonably possible, the Mayor and City Council shall attempt to provide for the appointment of members to the Advisory Board from individuals representative of the following areas:

- A. Clover Park School District school administration/policy development;
- B. Higher education/training, e.g. Clover Park Technical College or Pierce College;
- C. Large retail/commercial, e.g. Lakewood Mall or Colonial Center;
- D. Manufacturing/industrial;

E. Lakewood residents or Lakewood business owners.

### Section 3. Appointment.

The members of the Economic Development Advisory Board shall be appointed from among members of the public to include, to the extent reasonably possible, the broadest representation from people involved with or interested in the various and diverse aspects of economic development activities, and having backgrounds, experience, talents and expertise in areas of economic development that would be beneficial to the City and the community.

### Section 4. Terms and vacancies.

Subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Ordinance and the pleasure of the City Council, members of the Economic Development Advisory Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years or until appointment of a successor member, whichever is later, unless otherwise replaced. It is provided, however, that for the initial appointment, two (2) members shall be initially appointed for four (4) year terms, or until appointment of a successor member, whichever is later, unless otherwise replaced; two (2) members shall be initially appointed for three (3) year terms, or until appointment of a successor member, whichever is later, unless otherwise replaced; and two (2) members shall be initially appointed for two (2) year terms, or until appointment of a successor member, whichever is later, unless otherwise replaced; and one (1) member shall be initially appointed for a one (1) year term, or until appointment of a successor member, whichever is later, unless otherwise replaced. In case of any vacancies on the commission, vacancies shall be filled consistent with the procedures set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance, for the unexpired terms for which such vacancies are filled.

### Section 5. Officers - Meetings.

A. At its first meeting of each year, the Advisory Board members shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson from among the members of the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board shall meet as needed to perform the duties of the Advisory Board and to fulfill the role of being an advisory body to the City Council.

B. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to preside over all meetings of the Advisory Board. The vice chairperson shall preside at all meetings where the chairperson is absent. Minutes shall be kept and meeting agendas prepared in coordination between members of the Board and staff members. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority vote of those present shall be necessary to carry any recommended action.

### Section 6. Role of the Advisory Board.

The Economic Development Advisory Board is created to assist the City Council and to advise the City Council in connection with issues and programs involving economic development as may be referred to the Advisory Board by the City Council which may include:

A. Facilitate cooperation and coordination with various community groups and neighborhoods on economic development issues;

B. Make recommendations to the City Council and to City staff for programs in which the City could or should participate to enhance economic development opportunities in the City, which programs may be in cooperation with any appropriate private, public, civic or community agency, group or association of or in the City, county, state or federal government;

C. Recommend ways and means of obtaining private, local, county, state or federal funds and other participation for the promotion of economic development projects within the City; and,

D. Work with City of Lakewood staff, City Council committees, task forces and other City/community based groups, as directed by the City Council, on economic issues and projects.

E. Assist in data base development for the creation and maintenance of a community profile.

Section 7. Compensation.

The members of the Economic Development Advisory Board shall serve without compensation.

Section 8. Annual reports of progress.

The Economic Development Advisory Board shall annually provide to the City Council a report on progress made in carrying out the Board's responsibilities. Additional reports may be submitted when deemed appropriate by the Board or when requested by the City Council.

Section 9. Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 10. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary and on February 28, 1996, the official date of incorporation, provided that the terms of this Ordinance shall be in effect during the interim period prior to February 28, 1996.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 3rd day of January, 1996.

/S/ Bill Harrison

Mayor

Attest:

/S/ Alice M. Bush

City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

/S/ Daniel B. Heid

City Attorney

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