

Montgomery County Board of Commissioners

Ordinance 2022- 9

Creating Economic Development Department

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners periodically reviews the Montgomery County Code of Ordinances in order to ensure compliance with law and opportunities for operational efficiency; and

Whereas, recent economic development activity in Montgomery County underscores the importance of economic development in the County government's promotion of job creation and retention, capital investment, and other benefits of economic development; and

Whereas, in order to further promote economic development, the Board of Commissioner finds that it is necessary to create an Economic Development Department and to provide for its operation; and

Whereas, because economic development leads to job creation and retention and capital investment in Montgomery County, and because these activities require coordination of improvements to public infrastructure, financing for such improvements, and planning for growth, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Montgomery County to establish an Economic Development Department in order to promote and coordinate these activities.

It is therefore ordained that a new Section, Section 33.18, should be added to the County Code of Ordinances and that this section shall read as follows:

“§ 33.18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

A. Establishment of Department. There is established an Economic Development Department. The Department will promote economic development in Montgomery County, coordinate improvements to public infrastructure needed for such development, and coordinate economic development planning for the County government.

B. Economic Development Authority. The Montgomery County Economic Development Authority will provide strategic oversight for the Department.

(1) **Composition.** The Authority is comprised of the seven (7) members. These members are the three (3) members of the Board of Commissioners, the President of the Montgomery County Council, the Vice President of the Montgomery County Council, the President of the Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission, and the President of the Montgomery County Plan Commission.

(2) **Meetings.** The Authority will meet on a regular basis, not less frequently than every calendar quarter, at a place and time determined by the Authority. The initial meetings of the Authority will occur on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m.

(3) **Officers.** The President of the Board of Commissioners will serve as the Chair of the Authority. The President of the County Council will serve as the Vice Chair of the Authority. The Director will serve as Secretary of the Authority.

(4) **Oath.** Each member of the Authority will take an oath prior to the commencement of the member's service on the Authority.

(5) **Local Economic Development Organization.** The Authority is the Local Economic Development Organization for Montgomery County, and it will work with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and other State, regional and national economic development organizations and agencies in order to promote economic development in Montgomery County.

C. Director. The Board of Commissioners will appoint a Director of the Department. The Director will report to the County Administrator be the representative of the Authority to all State, regional and national economic development organizations and agencies. The Director will be the primary staff of the Authority, and the Director will supervise all employees of the Department.

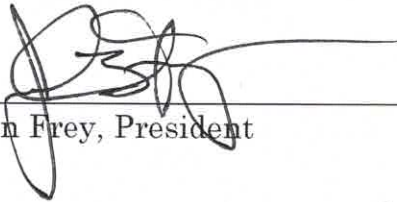
D. Staff. With the consent of the Board of Commissioners, the Director may employ persons to assist the Director in the operations of the Department.”

It is further ordained that this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

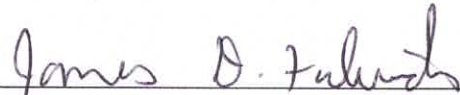
It is further ordained that any provision which is not specifically amended this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Adopted this 28 day of February, 2022.

Board of Commissioners:



John Frey, President



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