

CHAPTER 8

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 8-01. Commission Established. An Economic Development Commission for the City of Oakdale is hereby established. The commission serves as an advisory board for the City Council and City Administrator. All conclusions reached by the commission shall serve as recommendations and powers of execution shall be vested in the City Council.

Sec. 8-02. Functions and Duties of Commission. The Economic Development Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Administrator in all matters pertaining to economic development. Specific responsibilities of the Commission shall be:

- (a) To promote, encourage, improve, and expedite the economic development of Oakdale, thereby strengthening the financial base and growth of the community and enhancing the quality of life for all Oakdale residents.
- (b) To promote Oakdale as a viable place to relocate or expand a company so as to provide a potential for profitable growth as well as a community which offers a high quality of life for employees to live and raise their families.
- (c) To coordinate the Commission's development programs with the Planning Commission to assure the best possible land use.
- (d) To develop an effective marketing plan aimed at Industrial/Office, Retail, and Entertainment/Recreation, so as to keep a positive Oakdale image, solicit prospects, and close more sales.
- (e) To achieve a balanced economic development by attracting the proper mix of industrial, commercial, and retail companies into the city.
- (f) To promote the development of industrial land which is already served with utilities and bearing substantial assessments by giving priority status to such land.
- (g) To attract a broad spectrum of job opportunities.
- (h) To strengthen the city's existing industrial and commercial companies by meeting with them regularly and helping them to grow and expand in Oakdale.
- (i) To advise the City Council on matters of industry and commerce and to recommend general policy direction in economic development.
- (j) To utilize, when deemed advisable, resources of public and private agencies.
- (k) To collect and compile information in a computer database that is useful in the Commission's endeavors concerning all areas of business, commerce, industry and government which directly or indirectly influences or affects the growth and progress of Oakdale and the general welfare of its residents.
- (l) To examine and review the conditions, attitudes, and city processing to determine if an appropriate climate and methods for economic development exists and to determine the city's receptiveness to economic growth.

Sec. 8-03. Composition of Commission; Appointment to Commission. The Economic Development Commission shall consist of twelve (12) regular members, appointed by the City Council. Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies occurring during a term due to resignation or removal from the commission shall be filled by City Council appointment for the

remainder of the unexpired term. Resignation of Economic Development Commission members shall be submitted in writing to the City Council. The 12th seat shall be filled by a representative from an Oakdale business. The commission may have a minimum of one (1) ex officio non-voting member from each: City Council and the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce. (Ord. 845, 03/12/19)

Sec. 8-04. Terms of Members. Members of the Economic Development Commission shall be appointed by the City Council for three (3) year terms. Terms, in general, begin July 1 of each year. Members that have served on one commission for three consecutive terms shall be given the option of submitting an application to be considered for appointment to another advisory commission or to submit an application to be considered for appointment to the same commission the following June. *Exception:* at the sole discretion of the City Council, seated commissioners that have served on one commission for three or more consecutive terms may be reappointed to the same commission when the continuation of their service on said commission is deemed vital to projects and/or programs under the purview of the commission. The initial term for appointments to the commission shall be staggered so that only four (4) new appointment or reappointments need to be made in any one year.

Sec. 8-05. Organization of Commission. The Economic Development Commission shall elect from its membership, a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson annually at its first meeting of the year. The election of Chairperson is subject to veto by the Mayor. The Economic Development Commission shall adopt its own Rules of Order and Bylaws for the purpose of governmental procedure.

Sec. 8-06. Commission Meetings and Records. The Economic Development Commission shall hold regular meetings as established in the Bylaws. These meetings shall be open to the public. The Economic Development Commission shall submit copies of its meeting minutes to the City Council following each scheduled meeting and shall submit periodic reports when requested by the City Council.

Sec. 8-07. Removal of Commission Members. Commission members may be removed, at will, by action supported by a majority of the City Council. Also, given that the City Council expects diligence in attendance by the members at commission meetings, excessive absences will be considered as grounds for removal from the commission.

Sec. 8-08. Residency Requirement. To the extent possible, persons appointed to serve on the commission shall hold residence within the corporate limits of Oakdale.