

**TENTH AMENDED BYLAWS OF
THE BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

These bylaws (referred to as the "Bylaws") govern the affairs of the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, a public instrumentality and a non-profit corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") created originally under Section 4B of the Development Corporation Act of 1979, Local Government Code, Subchapter A, Sections 501.001 and 505.001, *et seq.*, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act").

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE AND POWERS**

Section 1. Purpose. The Corporation is incorporated for the purposes set forth in Article IV of its Articles of Incorporation, the same to be accomplished on behalf of the City of Bastrop, Texas (the "City"), as its duly constituted authority and instrumentality in accordance with the Act.

Section 2. Powers. The Corporation shall have all of the express and implied powers set forth and conferred in its Articles of Incorporation, in the Act, and in other applicable law.

**ARTICLE II
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. Number and Terms of Office.

- (a) The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Directors (the "Board") and, subject to the restrictions imposed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, the Act, and by these Bylaws, the Board shall exercise all of the powers of the Corporation.
- (b) The Board shall consist of seven (7) Directors, each of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Bastrop.
- (c) Directors are appointed for terms of two (2) years each. Seats on the Board shall be numbered one (1) through seven (7), with the terms of odd numbered seats expiring in September of odd numbered years, and even numbered seats expiring in September of even numbered years.
- (d) Any director may be removed from office by the Council at will, with or without cause.
- (e) In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the position shall be filled in accordance with Bastrop City Charter and Section 2 below.

Section 2. Qualifications.

- (a) The Directors shall hold such qualifications as required by State Law and as determined by the City Council.

Section 3. Resignations.

- (a) Director resignations shall be made in writing and shall take effect immediately upon receipt by the Chair or the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective unless expressly so provided in the resignation.

Section 4. Meetings of Directors.

- (a) The Board shall annually set regular meeting dates and times in the corporate city limits as the Board may determine; provided, however, in the absence of any such determination by the Board or in the event of a conflict, the Board Chair shall select a reasonable date and time to hold the meeting.
- (b) The Board shall hold regular meetings at Bastrop City Hall. If City Hall is not available, the Board Chair shall select a suitable location, which may include a virtual meeting as allowed under State Law.
- (c) The annual meeting of the Board shall be held at a date and time determined by the Chair.
- (d) The Chair in consultation with the -Vice Chair and CEO may call a special meeting of the Board.
- (e) Directors shall be expected to regularly attend all Board meetings. Special consideration can be granted for absences for good cause. The Council shall be advised of and may remove any Director who is absent from three (3) consecutive regular or special meetings, or 66% of total meetings in a given fiscal year.
- (f) Any Director may request an item be placed on the agenda by delivering the same in writing to the CEO no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Board meeting.

Section 5. Open Meetings Act.

All meetings and deliberations of the Board shall be called, convened, held and conducted, in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Section 6. Quorum.

A majority of the Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of official business of the Corporation. The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is in attendance shall constitute the act of the Board and of the Corporation, unless the act of a greater

number is required by law, or is otherwise required within these Bylaws. A Director may not vote by proxy.

Section 7. Conduct of Business.

- (a) At the meetings of the Board, matters pertaining to the business of the Corporation shall be considered in accordance with the rules of procedure as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board by resolution.
- (b) At all meetings of the Board, the Chair shall preside and, in the absence of the Chair, in the order of availability, the Vice Chair, the Treasurer and then the Secretary shall exercise the powers of the Chair.

Section 8. Committees of the Board.

The Board may constitute from time to time committees of the Board that are deemed necessary or appropriate. No such committee shall have independent authority to act for or in the stead of the Board.

Section 9. Compensation of Directors.

Directors shall not receive any salary or compensation for their service as Directors. However, they may be reimbursed for their actual reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder. The policy regulating payment of reasonable actual expenses incurred in performance of official duty shall be determined by the Board.

Section 10. Conflicts of Interest.

The Directors are subject to the City's Code of Ethics, set forth in the City's Code of Ordinances, Article 1.15, *et seq.*, (hereafter "Code of Ethics") and shall conform thereto for purposes of addressing potential and/or actual conflicts of interest.

**ARTICLE III
OFFICERS**

Section 1. Titles and Term of Office.

- (a) The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any two (2) offices may be held by the same person, except the office of Chair of the Board. Terms of office shall be one (1) year with the right of an officer to be reelected.
- (b) All officers shall be subject to removal from office at any time by a vote of the majority of the Board.
- (c) A vacancy in the office of any officer shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the Board.

(d) Neither the office of Chair or Vice Chair may be held by a member of the City Council.

Section 2. Powers and Duties of the Chair.

The Chair of the Board shall:

- (a) Preside over all meetings of the Board.
- (b) Have the right to vote on all matters coming before the Board.
- (c) Have the authority to, upon seventy-two (72) hour notice to the Directors, call a special meeting of the Board, when in his or her judgment such meeting is required.
- (d) Have the authority to appoint ad hoc committees of the Board, which may address issues of a temporary nature of concern or which have a temporary effect on the business of the Board.
- (e) Have the authority to appoint advisory committees to the Board to further the overall development plan of the Board.
- (f) Shall sign with the co-signature of the Secretary, any document which the Board has approved, unless the execution of said document has been expressly delegated to some other officer or agent of the Corporation by appropriate Board resolution, by a specific provision of these Bylaws, or by statute.
- (g) In general, the Chair of the Board shall perform all duties incident to the office, and such other duties as shall be prescribed from time to time by the Board.

Section 3. Vice Chair.

In the absence of the Chair, or in the event of his or her inability to act, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. When so acting, the - Vice Chair shall have all power of and be subject to all the same restrictions as those incumbent upon the Chair. The - Vice Chair shall also perform other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chair.

Section 4. Secretary.

The secretary shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the Board and make a proper record of the same, which shall be attested by the secretary. The Secretary shall keep such books as may be required by the Board and shall perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The Secretary shall cause notices to be posted of all Board meetings in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Section 5. Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all the duties incident to that office and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Chair of the Board or the Board in

general. The Treasurer shall receive and give receipt for money due and payable to the Corporation and shall deposit such monies received by the Corporation, in accordance with Article IV of these Bylaws, if such monies are not directly deposited in the Corporation's accounts.

Section 6. Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers.

The Board may appoint assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers as it may consider desirable, who shall in general perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Secretary or the Treasurer, or by the Chair of the Board. The assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers need not necessarily be Directors.

Section 7. Chief Executive Officer.

- (a) The Board shall employ an Executive Director, who shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Corporation and who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Board.
- (b) The CEO shall have responsibility for all day-to-day activities of the Corporation, including periodic updates to City Council, and shall be responsible for all applicable administrative requirements of its Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and the Act, as amended.
- (c) The CEO may have a staff to assist in the carrying out of their responsibilities.
- (d) The Board shall develop a job description for the CEO position, a performance review schedule and criteria for review, and shall review the performance of the CEO based upon the schedule and criteria.
- (e) The CEO and staff shall be required to follow the Code of Ethics and all current Personnel Policies and Procedures of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE IV
FUNCTIONAL CORPORATE DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1. Annual Corporate Budget.

The Board shall cause to be prepared, and shall submit to the City Council, a budget for the forthcoming fiscal year, and in accordance with the annual budget preparation schedule set forth by the City Manager. The budget shall be submitted to the City Manager for inclusion in the annual budget presentation to the City Council. The budget proposed for adoption shall include the projected operating expenses, and such other budgetary information as shall be useful to or appropriate for the Board and the City Council. No budget amendments shall become effective without City Council approval. No expenditures of funds shall be made unless such expenditure is provided for by the City Council approved budget of the Corporation.

Section 2. Contracts for Service.

- (a) The Corporation may contract with any qualified and appropriate person, association, corporation or governmental entity to perform and discharge designated tasks which will aid or assist the Board in the performance of its duties.
- (b) No such contract shall ever be approved or entered into which seeks or attempts to divest the Board of its discretion and policy-making functions.

Section 3. Books, Records, and Audits.

- (a) The Corporation shall keep and properly maintain, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, complete books, records, accounts, and financial statements pertaining to its corporate funds, activities, and affairs.
- (b) The Corporation shall cause its books, records, accounts, and financial statements to be audited at least once each fiscal year by an outside, independent auditing and accounting firm approved by the Corporation, which may be included with the City's annual audit process. Such audit shall be at the expense of the Corporation.
- (c) All books, records, accounts, and financial statements shall be kept and administered in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code.

Section 4. Deposit and Investment of Corporate Funds.

- (a) All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited on a regular basis, consistent with generally accepted accounting practices, in a local bank that is a depository of the City, which shall be federally insured and shall be selected following procedures and requirements for selecting a depository as set forth in Chapter 105 of the Local Government Code. All deposits shall be properly accounted for as deposits of the Corporation.
- (b) Temporary and idle funds, which are not needed for immediate obligations of the Corporation, shall be maintained on deposit in the Corporation's depository, or may be invested in any other legal manner in compliance with the internal financial control policies of the Corporation and City Investment Policy.
- (c) All proceeds from loans or from the issuance of bonds, notes, or other debt instruments ("Obligations") issued by the Corporation shall be deposited and invested as provided in the resolution, order, indenture, or other documents authorizing or relating to their execution or issuance.

Section 5. Expenditures of Corporate Money.

The monies of the Corporation, including sales and use taxes collected pursuant to the Act, monies derived from the repayment of loans, rents received from the lease or use of property, the proceeds from the investment of funds of the Corporation, the proceeds from the sale of property, and the proceeds derived from the sale of Obligations, may be expended by the Corporation for any of the purposes authorized by the Act, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Expenditures from the proceeds of Obligations shall be identified and described in the orders, resolutions, indentures, or other agreements submitted to and approved by the City Council prior to the execution of loan or financing agreements or the sale and delivery of the Obligations, to the purchasers thereof required by Section 7 of this Article;
- (b) Expenditures that may be made from a fund created with the proceeds of Obligations, and expenditures of monies derived from sources other than the proceeds of Obligations, may be used for the purposes of financing or otherwise providing one or more "Projects", as defined in the Act. The specific expenditures shall be described in a resolution or order of the Board, and shall be made only after the approval thereof by the City Council;
- (c) Corporation shall set its own internal financial control policies for finance and payment policies in accordance with State law.

Section 6. Issuance of Obligations.

Any debt issuance issued by the Corporation shall be in accordance with the statute governing this corporation, but in any event, no debt issuance shall be issued without approval of the City Council, after review and comment by the City's bond counsel and financial advisor.

**ARTICLE V
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Section 1. Principal Office.

- (a) The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at such place as determined by the Board.
- (b) The Corporation shall have and shall continually designate a registered agent at its Registered Office, as required by the Act.

Section 2. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the same as the fiscal year of the City.

Section 3. Surety Bonds.

The Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer of the Board shall give an official bond in the sum of not less than One Hundred Thousand and no/100 Dollars (\$100,000). The bonds referred to in this section shall be considered for the faithful accounting of all monies and things of value coming into the hands of such officers. The bonds shall be procured from some regularly accredited surety company authorized to do business in the State. The premiums thereafter shall be paid by the Corporation. A copy of each officer's bond shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Section 4. Indemnification of Directors, Officers, and Employees.

The Directors shall authorize the Corporation to pay or reimburse any current or former employee, director or officer of the Corporation for any costs, expenses, fines, settlements, judgments, and other amounts, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in any action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she is made a party by reason of holding such position as employee, officer or director; provided, however, that such person shall not receive such indemnification if they be finally adjudicated in such instance to be liable for gross negligence or intentional misconduct in office. The indemnification herein provided shall also extend to good faith expenditures incurred in anticipation of, or preparation for, threatened or proposed litigation. The Board may, in proper cases, extend the indemnification to cover the good faith settlement of any such action, suit, or proceedings, whether formally instituted or not.

Section 5. Legal Construction.

These Bylaws shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 6. Severability.

If any provision or section of these Bylaws is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision, and the Bylaws shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had not been included in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI
EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPROVAL**

Section 1. Effective Date.

These Bylaws shall become effective upon the occurrence of the following events:

- (1) the adoption of these Bylaws by the Board, and
- (2) the approval of the Bylaws by the City Council.

Section 2.

These Tenth Amended Bylaws of the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation were approved and adopted at a meeting of the Board of the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation, held on November 16, 2020.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Kathryn Nash

Kathryn Nash, Chair
Bastrop Economic Development Corporation

Approved and adopted at a meeting of the City Council held on February 9th, 2021.

Bonnie Schroeder

Bonnie Schroeder, Mayor of Bastrop, Texas

Attest:

Ann Franklin

Ann Franklin, City Secretary