Presented by: Mayor Parsons
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1545 (Substitute)

A RESOLUTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT TO THE JUNEAU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND SETTING FORTH THE JEDC'S GOALS AND OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under Alaska law in 1987, and

WHEREAS, the JEDC receives most of its funding from the City and Borough of Juneau through annual appropriations by the Assembly, and

WHEREAS, the mission of the JEDC, as a public/private partnership, is to foster a healthy economic climate in the City and Borough of Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the JEDC is proactive and undertakes a number of specific efforts to maintain, expand and create industries in Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the JEDC works with existing local organizations to diversify and stabilize Juneau's economy, while protecting Juneau's unique character and quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has determined that it is appropriate to adopt a resolution regarding the appointment of the JEDC board and setting forth the goals of the JEDC, and

WHEREAS, the JEDC bylaws currently provide that the JEDC board of directors appoints members to its board that represent specified fields of expertise, and

WHEREAS, given the close working and financial relationship between the city and borough and the JEDC, the Assembly and the JEDC board have decided that it is appropriate for the Assembly to appoint members to the JEDC board, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has determined that the criteria for JEDC board appointment should be broadened to expand the pool of candidates for the board, and

WHEREAS, the JEDC board must amend its bylaws to accomplish the provisions of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

* Section 1. Juneau Economic Development Council.

(a) Number and Term of Board Members. The JEDC board of directors shall consist of nine members appointed for three-year staggered terms. JEDC board members in office on the effective date of this Resolution No. 1545 shall retain their seats for their respective unexpired terms. No JEDC board member, except the mayor, may serve for more than two consecutive terms.

(b) Board Membership Criteria. The mayor and one assemblymember of the city and borough shall serve on the JEDC board. One board member shall represent organized labor and one board member shall represent a nonprofit environmental organization. Candidates for the remaining five seats on the board shall be reviewed and selected based on their experience and expertise in fields relating to economic development, including but not limited to large and small businesses, entrepreneurship, natural resource development, tourism, banking and finance, higher education, engineering and construction, and government.

(c) Procedure for Board Appointment. The city-borough clerk shall publish notice of JEDC board vacancies. The Assembly Committee on Committees will review and may interview candidates for the JEDC board. The committee will forward the names of recommended candidates to the Assembly. The Assembly will appoint JEDC board members.

(d) Goals. The goals of the JEDC shall include the following:

(1) Retain and increase the number of private sector basic industry employers located in the community while maintaining government employment;

(2) Increase the proportion of local employment related to natural resources, particularly value-added and import-substitution products;

(3) Increase the purchase of locally available goods and services by local consumers and businesses; and

(4) Improve and expand transportation related facilities to efficiently move people and goods to and from and within the city and borough;

(5) Enhance the city and borough's reputation and position as a regional center for trade and professional services;

(6) Provide timely and relevant demographic and economic information for prospective businesses;

(7) Represent the economic development interests of the city and borough at appropriate conferences, meetings, and seminars.

(e) Annual Report. The JEDC shall prepare and submit to the Assembly an annual report on its activities and accomplishments for the past fiscal year. The report shall be presented to the Assembly no later than February 1 of each year.

(f) Designation as Overall Economic Development Planning Committee. The JEDC is the Overall Economic Development Planning Committee for the city and borough. The JEDC may prepare an Overall Economic Development Plan for the community and may facilitate application for such state and federal assistance as may be appropriate to further economic development in the community. The JEDC will work with the Chamber of Commerce and other local economic development organizations to respond to inquiries concerning relocation, expansion, diversification, and development of business in Juneau, and all other inquiries relating to economic development opportunities in the Juneau area.

(g) Meeting Notice. All meetings of the JEDC board shall be publicly noticed in the same manner as other city and borough boards and commissions.

(h) Records. All records of the JEDC are public records and must be available to the public in the same manner as other city and borough records, provided that upon request of a business, person or other entity working with the JEDC, proprietary information in any application or report of that business, person or entity presented to the JEDC shall be kept confidential by the JEDC to the extent allowed by AS 09.25.110, AS 09.25.120, or other applicable law. Information to be maintained as confidential must be specified and marked as "confidential" by the business, person, or other entity.

(i) Executive Director. The JEDC board may appoint an executive director. The executive director shall be the chief administrative and executive officer of the JEDC with such specific powers and functions as the board may direct, and shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

(j) Amendment of Bylaws. The JEDC board shall immediately take steps to amend its bylaws as necessary to implement the provisions of this resolution.

* Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 3rd day of February, 1992.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk