

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-074

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-258, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2011-042 AND ORDINANCE NO. 2014-009, RELATING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD ("THE BOARD") TO ADD TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND PORTIONS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas has expressed the intent to diversify the Economic Development Partnership Board, it is in the public interest to modify the membership of the Economic Development Partnership Board to include participation of the Black Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Partnership Board has a proven track record of effectiveness in the City of Denton with regard to reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council concerning economic development within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Partnership Board has proven particularly adept in the recruitment of business and development in the community; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Article IX. Sec. 2-251 of Ordinance No. 2003-258 is hereby amended as follows:

**ARTICLE IX. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Sec. 2-251. Creation, Members, Qualifications, and Tenure.**

A. There is hereby created a City of Denton board entitled the Denton Economic Development Partnership Board (the "Board"). The Board shall consist of eleven members. The nine board members currently serving shall serve as originally appointed. The members, as described in Sec. 2-251 C (7) below, shall be appointed to serve effective in 2015. These two members shall draw straws to determine which will serve an initial one year term and which will serve an initial two year term. Thereafter, six members shall be appointed for a two-year term in even numbered years and five members shall be appointed for a two-year term in the odd numbered years. No member shall serve more than three consecutive terms except for the President of the University of North Texas ("UNT"), or his designee, who may serve unlimited terms.

B. The Board members shall be appointed by the City Council and shall serve at the City Council's pleasure. To aid the City Council in making appointments to the Board, the City Council will appoint two City Council members and one Denton Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") member to act as a nominating committee (the "Committee"). The Committee members are qualified for appointment to the Board. The Committee will solicit nominations, contact nominees to relate duties and responsibilities and to confirm willingness to serve. The

Committee will solicit recommendations from the Denton Chamber Board of Directors, the President of UNT, and the Black and Hispanic Chamber Boards of Directors. If any such nomination is not submitted, the Committee will consider the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity objectives of the City Council when making its nomination recommendations to the City Council. After evaluating the recommended nominees the Committee will present to the City Council a slate of Board nominees for City Council consideration.

C. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary the membership make-up of the Board shall consist of the following

1. Two members of the Board shall be City Council members at the time of their appointment to their original term. They may serve out all three terms, even if they are no longer members of the City Council after the original appointment as long as they continuously serve throughout the three terms. They must be residents of the City of Denton.
2. Two members of the Board shall be members of the Denton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors ("Chamber Board") at the time of their appointment to their original term. They may serve out all three terms, even if they are no longer members of the Chamber Board after the original appointment as long as they continuously serve throughout the three terms. They must reside or work in the City of Denton. The Chamber Board will recommend the two nominees for consideration by the Committee and the City Council.
3. Two members will be, or be employed by, a top twenty City of Denton ad valorem or sales tax payer. Such members must reside or work in the City of Denton.
4. One member will be the President of UNT or a UNT faculty or staff member designated by the President. Such member need not reside in the City of Denton and is not restricted to the three term limits. However, such member must be appointed by the City Council for each term.
5. One member will have knowledge or experience in general aviation-related matters and shall have no financial interest in matters at the Denton Municipal Airport. This member must reside or work in the City of Denton.
6. One member will be a citizen of the City of Denton who, in the discretion of the City Council, has specific knowledge skills and abilities to assist in all or any one of the functions and responsibilities of the Economic Development Partnership Board.

7. With the intent to enhance the diversity of the Board, one nominee shall be a representative nominated by the Black Chamber Board of Directors and one nominee shall be a representative nominated by the Hispanic Chamber Board of Directors. If a nomination is not made by either one of these Boards, the Committee and the City Council shall consider the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the Board as well as the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the nominees to assist in all or any one of the functions of the Economic Development Partnership Board when making selections. These members must reside or work in the City of Denton.
8. The City Manager, the President of the Chamber, and the Superintendent of the Denton Independent School District will serve as ad hoc non-voting members of the Board.

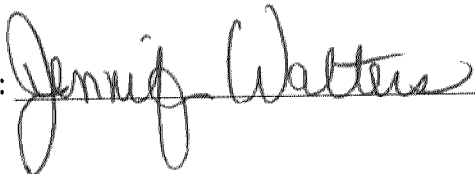
SECTION 2. This Ordinance amends Ordinance No. 2003-258, Ordinance 2011-042, and Ordinance 2014-009 and supersedes and repeals any provision of those ordinances, or any other, in conflict herewith.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 24 day of March, 2015.

  
CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
JENNIFER WALTERS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: 

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:  
ANITA BURGESS, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: 