

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA
ORDINANCE NO. 24-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA,
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.60 OF THE VALDEZ MUNICIPAL CODE TITLED
ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City Council has established the Economic Diversification Commission to advise on issues relating to bolstering the local economy; and

WHEREAS, it is a challenge to recruit enough citizens to fill the number of volunteer seats on this commission; and

WHEREAS, reducing the number of members appointed will create flexibility and ensure that the Economic Diversification Commission is able to conduct city business with regularity; and

WHEREAS, there is no longer a need to prescribe which industry members of the Economic Diversification Commission are associated with; and

WHEREAS, establishing 3-year terms for this commission allows for continuity in recruitment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that municipal code be written in a way that is clear to the reader and supports effective governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA that the following amendments are made to Title 2 of the Valdez Municipal Code:

Section 1. Chapter 2.60 of the Valdez Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

2.60 - ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION COMMISSION

Sections:

- 2.60.010 Establishment—Composition—Appointment of members.
- 2.60.020 Powers and duties.
- 2.60.030 Quorum and voting.
- 2.60.040 Limitations.
- 2.60.050 Definitions.

2.60.010 Establishment—Composition—Appointment of members.

A. ~~There is established an economic diversification commission which shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the city council. The terms of the commission members shall be for two years or until their successors have been appointed and approved. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the commissioners are appointed.~~ The city economic diversification commission consists of five members appointed by the city council for staggered three-year terms.

B. ~~Appointment to the commission shall be adjusted by the mayor and city council to ensure continuity.~~ Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the commissioners are appointed.

C. The commission shall elect its chair and chair pro tempore from among the appointed members.

~~G.~~ D. Members of the commission shall be diversified to the maximum extent possible. Composition of the commission should reflect a broad representation from a ~~broad~~ spectrum of industry sectors of the economy including but not limited to:

- ~~1. Accommodations.~~
- ~~2. Commercial fishers.~~
- ~~3. Contracting/trades.~~
- ~~4. Food and beverage.~~
- ~~5. Healthcare.~~
- ~~6. Micro business/sole proprietors.~~
- ~~7. Oil and gas.~~
- ~~8. Professional services (attorney, engineer, banker, real estate, media, etc.).~~
- ~~9. Retail.~~
- ~~10. Seafood processing.~~
- ~~11. Sport fisheries.~~
- ~~12. Summer tours and attractions.~~
- ~~13. Transportation.~~
- ~~14. Utilities.~~
- ~~15. Winter tours and attractions.~~

~~D. The commission shall elect its chairman from among the appointed members.~~

E. There may be an additional appointed ex officio position to represent the military members of the community. This position may be held by a local active-duty member of the United States Coast Guard or National Guard. This seat is a nonvoting, advisory position. (Ord. 21-10 § 1*; Ord. 14-03 (part))

2.60.020 Powers and duties.

The commission is an advisory commission to the city council. It shall:

- A. Have the authority to prepare and submit to the city council for its approval a comprehensive economic diversification strategy for the overall economic diversification of the community. The commission shall recommend modifications of such plan from time to time, as it deems in the city's interest.
- B. Prepare and recommend to the city council for approval reports and plans regarding socioeconomic data and specific sectors of the economy.
- C. As directed by the city council, review and make recommendations to the council for approval of strategic plans, plans of work and funding requests of agencies, organizations, and event sponsors.
- D. Review and make recommendations to the city council for approval on projects submitted for economic development grant funding opportunities.
- E. Receive, consider and evaluate public input, opinions and recommendations regarding economic diversification programs of the city and advise the city council of any findings or recommendations.
- F. Monitor progress and report to council the status of capital improvement projects, programs and activities outlined as goals, objectives or action items in the community's economic strategy.
- G. Have the authority to prepare and submit to council for approval regular quarterly or annual reports documenting economic trends in the community.
- H. Make recommendations to the city council regarding the economic diversification portion of the annual city budget.
- I. Meet at least once a month and cause minutes of each meeting to be recorded and ~~forwarded to the city council through the city manager~~ filed with the city clerk.
- J. Perform such other activities as may be requested of it by the city council.

2.60.030 Quorum and voting.

A quorum of the economic development commission for the conduct of any meeting, work session, or public hearing shall be a majority of the commission. No actions shall be taken by the commission except by concurrence of at least four three members.

2.60.040 Limitations.

~~The commission has only those powers and duties set forth in this chapter and those necessarily implied from those enumerated. In particular, the commission may not:~~

- ~~A. Expend or obligate city funds without prior approval of the city council; or~~
- ~~B. Act in any manner inconsistent with the requirements of Section 2.60.020.~~

2.60.050 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

"Economic development" means the process by which the economy is caused to grow, or a sector of the economy is made more advanced.

"Economic diversification" means the process by which the economy is changed to increase the variety of goods or services produced or offered.

"Economy" means the process or system by which goods and services are produced, sold, and bought.

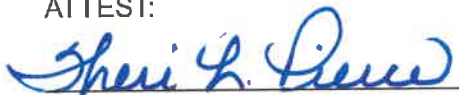
Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,
ALASKA, this 16th day of April, 2024.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA


Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Jake Stasser, City Attorney
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First Reading:

Second Reading: 4/16/24

Adoption: 4/16/24

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Absent: 1

Abstain: 0