

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2993

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE IV “BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES” OF THE CITY OF BEDFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES BY THE ADDITION OF DIVISION 5 HEREBY NAMED THE “CULTURAL COMMISSION”; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to have a commission to focus on supporting a Bedford Cultural District by creating community awareness, oversee planning and development, and assist in identification of likely candidates of businesses that would be attracted to the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF BEDFORD, TEXAS.

SECTION 1: That Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article IV “Boards, Commissions and Committees” is hereby amended by the addition of Division 5, hereby named the “Cultural Commission” which shall read in its entirety as follows:

Sec. 2-232 Creation.

- (a) There is hereby created a Cultural Commission, which shall be composed of seven members, four of which are residents of the City of Bedford, two of which are members of ARTSNET to include the president and one additional board member, and one community member representing the HEB Chamber of Commerce.**
- (b) Each member of the Commission, excluding the ARTSNET members and Chamber representative, will apply for membership on the Commission and be formally appointed by the City Council.**
- (c) The City Council will appoint the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.**

Sec. 2-233 Ex officio Members

One ex officio member shall be a member of the City Council and shall serve as liaison between the Commission and the City Council. One ex officio member shall be the City Manager or his/her designee.

Sec. 2-234 Terms Staggered.

Except for the ex officio members, the members of the Cultural Commission shall serve for a two-year period. The term of the Commissioners shall be staggered so that four members of the Commission shall be appointed in even numbered years and three members in odd numbered years.

Section 2-235 Powers and Duties

The duties of the Cultural District Commission include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Develop a strategic plan for the Bedford Cultural District.**
- (b) Create an identity and awareness for the Cultural District.**
- (c) Identify various type artists and their associations and encourage the use of the Bedford Cultural District for their diverse artistic activities to continue and strengthen the relationship already established within the art community.**
- (d) Coordinate with ARTSNET, OnStage, the local/regional Art Community, and the School District.**
- (e) Work with staff and outside groups to develop a plan and flow chart of**

activities that will take place during the year.

- (f) Continuously communicate Cultural District Activities to the general public and Council, Mayor and staff, and provide periodic reports to the Council.
- (g) Explore and seek out federal, state and local grant opportunities.
- (h) Provide input on the types of business ideally suited for the cultural district.
- (i) Assist economic development, as directed, in researching to identify target businesses likely to locate in a cultural district.
- (j) Other duties as directed by the City Council from time to time.

Sec. 2-230 Meetings

The Cultural Commission shall meet as called at a time and date to be decided by the Commission. The City Council will appoint a chair and vice-chair, such officers to serve terms of one year each.

SECTION 5: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed and that all remaining portions shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: If any section, article, paragraph, application, clause, phrase or word in this ordinance, or application thereto any person or circumstances is held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance; and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7: That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and approval.

PRESENTED AND PASSED this 12th day of April, 2011, by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Bedford, Texas.

Jim Story, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Wells, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stan Lowry, City Attorney