

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY IN THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville, in meeting duly assembled, that pursuant of the Charter of the Town of Plainville and Section 7-136 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following ordinance is adopted.

SECTION 1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CREATED. There is hereby established in the Town of Plainville an Economic Development Agency, hereinafter referred to as the "Agency," for the promotion and development of the economic resources of the town.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS. The Agency shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Town Council. Members shall be experienced in business or industry or shall have an active interest in community economic development. Not more than three (3) members of the Agency shall belong to the same political party. Two (2) members shall be appointed for the term of (2) years, two (2) for four (4) years and one (1) for five (5) years, each member to hold office until his or her successor has been appointed by the Town Council. Agency members shall serve without compensation and their necessary expenses shall be paid by the Town.

The Council may also appoint up to three (3) alternates to perform the duties of an absent member. Any vacancy in the membership of the Agency shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the vacated member's term by one of the Council appointed alternates.

SECTION 3. OFFICERS. On or before December 1, 1992, and thereafter on an annual basis, the Agency shall select one (1) of its members to serve as chairperson and one (1) of its members to serve as secretary. Said Agency shall make rules and regulations for the transaction of its business and shall keep a record of all votes and other proceedings of its meetings.

SECTION 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. The Agency may request such information as it may require from the Town Manager or the Manager's designee, who shall respond in a reasonably timely manner or provide reasonable access to such matters as the Agency may require. All such requests for information shall be made through the chairperson of the Agency or, in the chairperson's absence, through the secretary.

The Agency may employ necessary technical, legal and clerical assistance and prescribe the compensation for such services rendered.

SECTION 5. PURPOSE OF THE AGENCY. The purpose of the Agency shall be:

(a.) To encourage the involvement of business and industry in the community and improve the public's understanding of the value of responsible economic development compatible with the character of the municipality.

(b.) To preserve existing business and industry and foster appropriate opportunities for potential economic development.

SECTION 6. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The responsibilities of the Agency shall include but shall not be limited to, at least the following duties in furtherance of the purposes noted above:

(a.) Conduct research into the economic conditions and trends in Plainville;

(b.) Make recommendations to appropriate officials and agencies regarding action to improve Plainville's economic condition and development;

(c.) Promote the overall continued growth of industry and business through infrastructure improvements and the initiation and administration of all aspects of any municipal development projects undertaken pursuant to Chapter 132 of the Connecticut General Statutes;

(d.) Cooperate with and coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized to promote economic development;

(e.) Annually prepare and transmit to the Town Council a report of its activities and its recommendations for improving economic conditions and development.

SECTION 7. CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS, RULES AND REGULATIONS SUSPENDED. At all times when any orders, rules and regulations made and promulgated pursuant to this ordinance shall be in effect, they shall supersede all existing resolutions, orders, rules and regulations insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

SECTION 8. NO CONFLICT WITH STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTES. This Ordinance shall not be construed to conflict with any State or Federal statute, rule or regulation.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. The effective date of this ordinance shall be thirty (30) days after notice of its passage has been published in accordance with Chapter III, Section 8 of the Charter.

Adopted by Town Council Oct. 5, 1992
Amended Aug. 17, 1998