



Board of Aldermen Request for Action

MEETING DATE: 3/4/2025

DEPARTMENT: Administration

AGENDA ITEM: Bill No. 3057-25 – Repealing Article II – Economic Development Committee Section 155.020 Economic Development Committee. 1st Reading

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

A motion to approve Bill No. 3057-25, repealing Article II – Economic Development Committee Section 155.020 Economic Development Committee. First reading by title only.

BACKGROUND:

On November 5, 2024, the Board of Aldermen met in work session to discuss the role of the Economic Development Committee (EDC). Historically, the EDC has worked on a variety of projects relating to business attraction, economic incentives, branding, tourism and marketing.

The City has formed partnerships with a variety of entities to help move economic development efforts forward:

- Clay Economic Development Council
- Northland Chamber of Commerce
- Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Smithville Main Street District

At the work session the Board directed staff to bring forward ordinance language to repeal the Economic Development Committee, but to maintain an Alderman Representative for Economic Development. The Mayor shall annually appoint (subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen) a member of the Board of Aldermen as the “economic development representative” to work with staff to consider and recommend policies and initiatives regarding Economic Development, as well as attend Economic Development functions with staff.

The Board and staff appreciate all of the efforts that the members on the EDC have done over the years to move forward economic development efforts, and their commitment to the City of Smithville

PREVIOUS ACTION:

The Board has discussed the role of the Economic Development Committee at multiple work sessions.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ☒ Ordinance
- ☐ Resolution
- ☐ Staff Report
- ☐ Other

- ☐ Contract
- ☐ Plans
- ☐ Minutes

**REPEALING ARTICLE II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SECTION 155.020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.**

WHEREAS the Mayor and the Board thank all current and former members of the Economic Development Committee and all the people who have aided the Committee in its deliberations and studies. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

However, the Board and Staff have decided that in the interest of the more efficient and effective use of staff time, that Article II - Ordinance §155.020 *Economic Development Committee* be repealed and the Economic Development Committee be dissolved and disbanded; and

WHEREAS henceforth, the Mayor will annually appoint (subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen) a member of the Board of Aldermen to collaborate with staff to consider and recommend policies and amendments to an Economic Development Strategic Plan, as well as specific actions to implement such a plan, or other related activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:**

Effective immediately, Article II - Ordinance §155.020 *Economic Development Committee* of the Municipal Ordinances of the City of Smithville, Missouri is repealed, and the existing Economic Development Committee is dissolved and disbanded; and

Henceforth, during the annual election for Board representatives, the Mayor shall annually appoint (subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen) a member of the Board of Aldermen as the “economic development representative” to work with staff to consider and recommend policies and initiatives regarding Economic Development, as well as attend Economic Development functions with staff.

PASSED THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Drummond, City Clerk

First Reading: 03/04/2025

Second Reading: 03/18/2025