BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Two

Ordinance 92-5

To add Section 4.8 to the Barnstable County Administrative Code establishing a Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

Barnstable County hereby ordains:

Section 1. Establishment of a Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

The Barnstable County Administrative Code is hereby amended to add Section 4.8, establishing a Cape Cod Economic Development Council, which shall have the following goals and functions:

1. sustain, support, and stimulate existing Cape Cod businesses;
2. increase employment opportunities by attracting desirable businesses to Cape Cod, including clean, light manufacturing;
3. foster and promote communication between the community, local government, and the business community;
4. provide for economic analysis and long-range planning;
5. promote education and job training;
6. recommend certain areas as economic development areas for inclusion in the Regional Policy Plan for Cape Cod and for designation as Districts of Critical Planning Concern for the purposes of economic development as well as make further recommendations to the Cape Cod Commission as set forth in Section 3;
7. facilitate and coordinate site selection opportunities for economic growth;
8. encourage the development of self-sustaining not-for-profit organizations.

Section 2. Appointments to the Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

The Cape Cod Economic Development Council shall have twenty-four members of whom the first nine shall be chosen as follows: appointed by the County Commissioners: one County Commissioner of the County of Barnstable, nominated by the County Commissioners; one member of the Assembly of Delegates of the County of Barnstable, nominated by the Assembly; one member of the Cape Cod Commission, nominated by the Commission members; one representative of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, nominated by the Chamber; one representative of the Cape Cod Economic Roundtable, nominated by the Roundtable; one representative of the banking industry on Cape Cod, nominated by the industry; one representative of the Barnstable County Selectmen’s Association, nominated by the Association; one representative of the manufacturing/utilities industry on Cape Cod, nominated by the industry; and one representative of the Cape Cod Board of Realtors, nominated by the Board. The remaining fifteen members shall be nominated by the first nine, subject to appointment by the County Commissioners, to reflect the breadth and diversity of the Cape Cod economy, including no fewer than eleven individuals representative of the private sector. The Cape Cod Commission Economic Development Officer shall serve as an ex officio member.
The chairman of the Council shall be a member of the Council and shall be a representative of the private sector. A majority of the twenty-four members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, but the action of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required for any transaction. The terms of the first twenty-four members appointed shall be staggered such that eight serve for one year, eight serve for two years, and eight serve for three years. All subsequent appointees shall serve for a term of three years.

Section 3. General Powers and Duties of the Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

A. The Cape Cod Economic Development Council is hereby authorized to encourage the formation of one or more not-for-profit corporations for the purpose of promoting or participating in economic development on Cape Cod. Any such not-for-profit corporation may have directors who are also members of the Cape Cod Economic Development Council.

Such not-for-profit corporations, if so formed pursuant to this section, shall not be a part of county government but shall function independent therefrom.

The Cape Cod Economic Development Council, subject to the approval of the Barnstable County Commissioners, may make grants to the not-for-profit corporations so formed under this section in furtherance of the goals of this ordinance.

B. Consistent with the provisions of the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter, the Administrative Code of Barnstable County, the Cape Cod Commission Act, and the Regional Policy Plan for Cape Cod, the Cape Cod Economic Development Council may:

1. Prepare and submit written reports and recommendations regarding amendment of the Regional Policy Plan for Cape Cod pursuant to Barnstable County Ordinance 91-8; and
2. Prepare and submit, through the public hearing process, written reports and recommendations to the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates and the Cape Cod Commission regarding nomination and designation of proposed Districts of Critical Planning Concern; and
3. Prepare and submit, through the public hearing process, written reports and recommendations to the Cape Cod Commission regarding proposed Developments of Regional Impact; and
4. Prepare and submit, through the public hearing process, written reports and recommendations to the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates and the Cape Cod Commission regarding proposed Cape Cod Commission regulations and the regulatory process; and
5. Work with the Cape Cod Commission on economic development and analysis.
C. Miscellaneous General Powers:

1. To market Cape Cod to targeted off-Cape businesses;
2. To provide technical assistance to businesses in obtaining financing from federal, state and local programs;
3. To maintain an inventory of available industrial land and vacant industrial/commercial buildings;
4. To apply for and receive state, federal and private grants and expend such funds with the approval of the County Commissioners;
5. To recommend to the Barnstable County Commissioners the submittal of such ordinances to the Assembly of Delegates authorizing the borrowing of money, the issuance of bonds and revenue bonds, and the acquisition, conveyance, or lease of real property to further the purposes of this ordinance, as may be provided for in the Barnstable County Home Rule Charter;
6. To work with the Regional Employment Board and educational institutions to promote education and job training appropriate to the goals of the Council;
7. To assist industrial parks and business applicants on regulatory matters with the Cape Cod Commission and with state and federal regulatory bodies;
8. To retain, employ, and remove employees and consultants, consistent with the Barnstable County administrative, personnel and budgetary procedures as needed to carry out its responsibilities under this ordinance;
9. To present contracts to the County Commissioners for their approval;
10. To produce an annual report which will be included in the Barnstable County Annual Fiscal Year Report;
11. To adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;
12. To appoint subcommittees as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities under this ordinance; and
13. To do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly granted in this ordinance.

Adopted on May 20, 1992 by the Assembly of Delegates.

Susan V. Walker, Speaker

Approved by the Board of County Commissioners 5/27/92, at 9:23 a.m.

Date Time

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