BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES

In the Year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight

Ordinance 98-19

To amend Section 4.8 of the Barnstable County Administrative Code through the amendment of Ordinance 98-3.

Barnstable County hereby ordains:

Section 1. Ordinance 98-3 is hereby amended by striking Section 4.8 of the Administrative Code in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

SECTION 4.8. Cape Cod Economic Development Council

a. Goals and Functions of the Cape Cod Economic Development Council

There shall be a Cape Cod Economic Development Council (CCEDC) established as a part of Barnstable County government and subject to the rules and regulations of the County. The CCEDC shall be responsible for advising the County with respect to economic development policy and related matters. All of the activities and goals of the CCEDC shall be undertaken consistent with 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 CCEDC shall have the following goals and functions:

To improve the quality of life for all residents of Barnstable County by fostering public policies and by financing through grants: activities that lead to the development of a healthy year round economy, compatible with the Cape Cod environment and culture. In carrying out its functions it will bear in mind that the future of all the crucial economic sectors of the Cape (high technology, retirees and second-home owners, tourism, fisheries, arts and culture, aquaculture, and agriculture) depends on the state of the Cape environment. The attractiveness of the Cape for economic development also depends vitally on the skills of the work force, an available high quality of life, and an efficient physical infrastructure.

b. Appointments to the Cape Cod Economic Development Council

The Cape Cod Economic Development Council shall have fourteen members. Eleven of the members shall be nominated and appointed by the County Commissioners to represent the breadth, depth and diversity of the economic development community of Cape Cod. Three of the fourteen members shall be non-voting and shall be a County Commissioner, a member of the Assembly of Delegates and a member of the Cape Cod Commission.

At the first meeting of each calendar year, the CCEDC shall take nominations and elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall be members of the CCEDC. A majority of the voting members 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 Cape Cod Economic Development Council members in office as of December 31, 1997 shall terminate on February 27, 1998. The terms of the fourteen members appointed on or after February 27, 1998 shall run through August 31, 1998. The terms of the fourteen members appointed on or after September 1, 1998 shall be staggered such that five serve for one year, five serve for two years, and four serve for three years. All subsequent appointees shall serve for a term of three years.

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

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 act to improve the quality of life and to support and stimulate the economy by:

(i) (a) Choosing the grant areas in which CCEDC controlled funds shall be expended and
recommending approval to the County Commissioners of grant applications that are directed to furthering EDC's goals; and
(b) Supplementing EDC funds, with the approval of the County Commissioners, by applying for and receiving state, federal and private grants.

(ii) Recommending policies to the County Commissioners in furtherance of EDC's mandate.

(iii) Increasing employment opportunities for Cape Codders through:
(a) promoting the improvement of skill levels across the population through education and job training by working with the Regional Employment Board and educational institutions for this purpose;
(b) Acting to secure improvements in the physical infrastructure;
(c) Helping working families through encouraging the provision of affordable housing and increasing access to adult/child care services;
(d) Enhancing the attractiveness of the Cape as a place to work through protecting the environment and encouraging the Cape cultural attractions; and
(e) Working with business, labor, social service, and arts and cultural organizations to further this employment goal.

(iv) Making recommendations for amendment, if deemed appropriate, of the Regional Policy Plan for Cape Cod pursuant to Barnstable County Ordinance 91-8.

(v) Supporting the Cape Cod Commission's economic analysis and planning.

d. Miscellaneous General Powers

(i) To present contracts to the County Commissioners for their approval;

(ii) 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;

(iii) To exercise general policy supervision of the staff support to the EDC and to review the evaluations of such staff;

(iv) To appoint subcommittees as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities under this ordinance;

(v) To adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business; and

(vi) To produce an annual report which will be included in the Barnstable County Annual Fiscal Year Report.

Adopted on September 2, 1998 by the Assembly of Delegates.

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Julia C. Taylor, Speaker

Approved by the Board of County Commissioners, Sept. 16, 1998, at 12:30 p.m.

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Mary [Last Name], Chair