

ORDINANCE 2022-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33, OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF SWANTON, OHIO.

WHEREAS Chapter 33 of the Swanton Village Code (hereinafter "Code") provides for the establishment and regulation of Village Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, there are several Mayoral Commissions serving the Village. Although the scope and purpose of each Commission varies, most of them operate in the capacity of advising the Mayor and Village Council and making recommendation for action or policy. From time to time, the Mayor reviews the status of the commissions.

WHEREAS, pursuant to such a review, the Mayor has determined a need for a Commission to make such recommendations to the Mayor and Village Council and to work with staff on Village matters regarding economic development in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Economic Development Commission (hereinafter "EDC") has been recommended by the Mayor. This new Commission would provide input from all aspects of the Swanton business community and be representative of the business community and residents of the Village of Swanton. The members would provide a sounding board, researching and analyzing issues affecting economic development in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the duties of the EDC shall include:

- Make recommendations on matters relating the improvement of sound economic growth and business development in the Village,
- Examine opportunities for fostering an attractive climate for businesses within the Village with respect to both existing and potential new business establishments,
- Recommend additional steps and measures to promote economic growth by retaining businesses and attracting new commerce and industry,
- Cooperate with Village elected officials and staff to realize appropriate goals and objectives relating to sound business practices and better employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommended to the Swanton Village Council that Chapter 33, of the Swanton Village Code be amended accordingly; and

WHEREAS the Swanton Village Council at a public meeting duly held on August 8, 2022, concurred in the aforesaid recommendation of the Mayor; an

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Village of Swanton, Fulton County, Ohio; That Chapter 33, of the Swanton Village Code be and the same is hereby amended in the manner hereinafter indicated.

CHAPTER 33, OF THE SWANTON VILLAGE CODE PERTAINING TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMISSIONS

Chapter 33.078 Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Section One. Creation. There is hereby created an Economic Development Commission for the Village of Swanton for the purpose of: (i) providing input from all aspects of the Swanton business community, (ii) acting as a resource for elected officials and staff to explore new economic development ideas and changes to Village policies, and (iii) considering and introducing new economic development ideas for consideration to elected officials and staff. The word "Commission", when used in this division, shall mean the Economic Development Commission for the Village.

Section Two. Membership. The mayor shall appoint three (3) members of the Commission. The mayor shall be ex-officio a voting member of this commission, The Commission shall consist of up to 5 members. Each member shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, except for the initial members whose terms shall be staggered at one (1) year intervals. The 3 persons appointed to the Commission shall be persons whose business, occupational or professional activities are carried on in a substantial degree within the Village or have an interest in the economic success of the Village of Swanton. Additional members may be appointed by the mayor in an ad hoc basis depending on the various needs of the EDC. These members' terms shall be limited to specific needs of the EDC. The mayor may appoint a member of council for a one (1) year term. Council members may not serve consecutive terms.

Section Three. Vacancies. The Mayor is authorized to fill any vacancy on the Commission which may arise for any unexpired term.

Section Four. Chair and Vice Chair. The Mayor shall appoint one of the members of the Commission to serve as chair and one to serve as vice chair, each for a term of 1 year and until such

person's successor is appointed and shall take office.

Section Five. Term of members. The term of office of each member of the Commission shall be for 3 years and until such member's successor shall be appointed and shall qualify.

Section Six. Attendance at meetings. Any member of the Commission who during any six (6) month period is not present for fifty percent (50%) or more of the regularly scheduled meetings shall be presumed to have resigned from the Commission. This presumption shall be absolute, irrespective of the reasons for the lack of attendance. However, the Mayor may, in the Mayor's discretion, refrain from nominating a replacement for a period of 60 days and may reappoint such resigned member.

Section Seven. Meeting schedule. Commission meetings shall be scheduled and held every 60 days. The Chairman may schedule and hold meetings on a more frequent basis, if he or she believes it is warranted.

Section Eight. Quorum. A quorum of the Commission shall consist of a simple majority of the members.

Section Nine. Compensation of members. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

Section Ten. Payment of expenses. Expenses for the operation and conduct of the affairs of the Commission shall be paid from funds provided for that purpose in the annual appropriation ordinance and budget for the Village.

Section Eleven. Annual report. The Commission, through its chair or other designated member, shall report in writing, during the Village's annual budget process, to the Mayor and Village Council. The report shall cover the activities of the Board for the preceding year.

Section Twelve. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

- (1) Make recommendations on matters to the improvement of sound economic growth and business development.
- (2) Examine opportunities for fostering an attractive climate for business within the Village with respect to both existing and potential new business establishments.
- (3) Recommend additional steps and measures to promote economic growth by retaining

businesses and attracting new commerce and industry.

(4) Cooperate with Village elected officials and staff to realize appropriate goals and objectives relating to sound business practices and better employment opportunities.

Section Thirteen: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage. ADOPTED this September 12, 2022.

First Reading: August 8, 2022

Second Reading: August 22, 2022

Third Reading: September 12, 2022

Vote on Passage

Moved: Pilliod

Second: Kania

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

Date of Passage: September 12, 2022


Neil Toeppe, Mayor

Attest:

I, M. Jason Vasko, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Swanton, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Ordinance 2022-21, passed on September 12, 2022



M. Jason Vasko, Fiscal Officer