

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-5 (COUNCIL ACTION, APPEALS, TERMS, AND COMMITTEES) TO ADD NEW ARTICLE 6 (EXTERNAL COUNCIL BODIES) TO DEFINE EXTERNAL COUNCIL BODIES AND TO CLARIFY APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES TO THESE BODIES; AND AMENDING THE TITLE OF CHAPTER 2-5 TO ADD A REFERENCE TO EXTERNAL COUNCIL BODIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Chapter 2-5 (*Council Action, Appeals, Terms, and Committees*) is amended to add new Article 6 (*External Council Bodies*) as follows:

ARTICLE 6. - EXTERNAL COUNCIL BODIES

§ 2-5-115 – DEFINITION AND LIST MAINTENANCE

- (A) In this Article, “EXTERNAL COUNCIL BODIES” means intergovernmental bodies, regional bodies, and any other boards or commissions to which council selects one or more of its own members to serve or on which the mayor or the entire city council automatically serves as a matter of law; the term does not include council committees.
- (B) The City shall maintain a list of external council bodies and ensure the list is updated prior to the work session in which appointments to external council bodies will be made.

§ 2-5-116 – APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE FOR EXTERNAL COUNCIL BODIES

- (A) Except as otherwise required by federal or state law, the City Charter, or this Code, the membership of external council bodies will be determined at the first council work session of each year in which a new term for each external council body begins. Council members will select the external council bodies on which they will serve.
- (B) Immediately following the work session when council members select on which external council bodies they wish to serve, the mayor shall file a list of the membership of the external council bodies with the city clerk.

PART 2. The title of City Code Chapter 2-5 (*Council Action, Appeals, Terms, and Committees*) is amended to add a reference to external council bodies as follows:

**CHAPTER 2-5. - COUNCIL ACTION, APPEALS, TERMS, [~~AND~~]
COMMITTEES, AND EXTERNAL COUNCIL BODIES.**

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2025 §
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 Kirk Watson
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Deborah Thomas Erika Brady
City Attorney City Clerk