

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS - Nov 2024**

NAME OF BOARD	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION	STAFF COMMENTS
<p><b>Community Development Commission</b></p>	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 3 (A) Membership - to remove the reference to "organizations" in the membership requirements and clarify that eight members shall be democratically selected to represent residents from each of the eight geographic areas of Travis County to represent low-income individuals eligible to be served under the Community Services Block Grant in each area;</p>	<p>With these amendments, Austin Public Health will be able to conduct Community Development Commission nomination and selection meetings to democratically select members of the board more efficiently and ensure the continuity of community representation.</p>	<p>The Clerk's Office supports these proposed amendments to aid in filling the democratically elected seats and align with existing state law. Our office defers to the staffing department for additional clarification. If these proposed amendments are recommended for approval, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-128.</p>
	<p>Remove Bylaws Article 3 (B) Membership</p>		
	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 3 (G) Membership - to add "a replacement can be appointed by city council or democratically selected by low-income individuals eligible to be served under the Community Services Block Grant in each area."</p>		
	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 3 (H) Membership - to add "two of the members chosen to represent major groups and interests in the community served including, but not limited to, business, industry, labor, religious, law enforcement or education stakeholders; and may recommend to council the removal of any of the five elected public officials or their representatives"</p>		
	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 3 (H) Membership - also to remove "democratically selected" from the</p>		
<p><b>Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission</b></p>	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 1 Name - to edit the name of the Commission to Technology Commission</p>	<p>The commission has unanimously requested to revise the bylaws in order to better reflect the work that the commission already does/oversees as well as lay the foundation for discussion regarding emerging technologies. The bylaws were last refreshed in 2016 and the commission has since led expansive efforts regarding digital literacy that are not outlined in the bylaws.</p>	<p>This is a substantial change, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-107</p>
	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 2 Purpose and Duties - to include additional items to advise city council regarding digital equity issues, broadband development and access, digital skill, and internet affordability and accessibility</p>		<p>These are substantial changes for the purpose of the Commission and the Clerk's Office would defer to the staffing and/or impacted departments regarding the feasibility of adding these additional roles to the Commission.</p>
	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 2 Purpose and Duties - edit and include additional items to conduct public hearings regarding issues that include: internet, broadband access, device and other technology needs and resources. Add another item to include Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies.</p>		<p>If these proposed amendments are recommended for approval, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-107.</p>
	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 2 Purpose and Duties - edit and include an additional items to promote access to telecommunications services, community technologies, and the internet by methods including: (1) Promoting public awareness, use, and viewership of access television programming and other community media; (2) Identifying community technology needs and problems in the City and defining innovative programming approaches to those needs and problems enabling / enhancing public awareness of telecommunications policy and community technology issues. (3) Collecting community input via open sessions, as and when needed, to address topics relevant to this commission.</p>		
	<p>Edit Bylaws Article 2 Purpose and Duties - edit and include an additional duty to support the Grant for Technology Opportunities in the following ways: (1) Advise city staff on the selection and approval of volunteer grant review panelists to evaluate and score GTOPs applications. (2) Appoint commission members to serve as non-voting chairs (ex-officio chair) of grant review panels as needed to provide guidance and leadership to review panelists and to support the process of GTOPs protests. (3) Appoint commission members to serve as voting review panel members as needed. (4) Advise staff on the final allocation of GTOPs awards.</p>		