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AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE GREATER EL PASO CIVIC, CONVENTION AND TOURIST CENTER BOARD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. There is hereby created the Greater El Paso Civic, Convention and Tourist Center Board.
2. The Board shall consist of twenty-one members who are resident citizens of the County.
3. An alderman of the City of El Paso, who shall be appointed by the City Council, and a county commissioner of El Paso County, who shall be appointed by the Commissioners' Court shall be members of the Board. Such alderman and commissioner shall be ex-officio members of the Board without the right to vote. If such alderman or commissioner ceases to hold the office of alderman or commissioner during the term of this appointment to the Board, his position on the Board shall automatically become vacant and the appointing authority shall make a new appointment to fill his unexpired term of the Board.

Four members of the Board shall be: the current president-elect of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce, the current president-elect of the El Paso Sun Bowl Association, a representative of the El Paso Livestock and Rodeo Association and the executive director of the Greater El Paso Civic, Convention and Tourist Center. These four members shall be ex-officio members of the Board without the right to vote.

The fifteen remaining members of the Board shall be appointed as follows: seven members of the Board shall be appointed by the City Council and seven members of the Board shall be appointed by the Commissioners' Court. The chairman of the Board shall be appointed by joint action of the Mayor and County Judge, provided that such appointment be confirmed by the City Council and Commissioners' Court. The seven members appointed by the City Council and the seven members appointed by the Commissioners' Court shall come from the following groups:

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Two individuals from the hotel/motel industry, management executives.

Two individuals from the financial area--bank or savings and loan, and must be a member of management.

One individual from the food management industry, management position.

One individual from the beverage industry, management position.

Two individuals from the airline industry, management positions.

One individual in marketing/advertising/public relations area, management position.

Five community conscious leaders.

The chairman shall come from one of the above groups.

All members shall serve on the Board without compensation.

The initial fifteen members (excluding ex-officio members) shall be comprised of six members appointed by City Council and Commissioners' Court as provided herein; and nine members who currently serve as the present board members of the Greater El Paso Tourist and Convention Bureau. Said current members of the Greater El Paso Tourist and Convention Bureau shall be allowed to retain their membership until September 30, 1983 when the Agreement between the City and County of El Paso dated October 1, 1981 expires. At said time any of the then current members of the Greater El Paso Tourist and Convention Bureau may be appointed to one full term on the Greater El Paso Civic, Convention and Tourist Center Board if said members qualify as set forth in this section. At the first meeting of the Greater El Paso Civic, Convention and Tourist Center Board in October, 1983 the term of office for all fifteen members will be determined by choosing lots so that five members shall serve for three-year terms, five members shall serve for two-year terms and five members shall serve for one-year terms. Any prior service of the six members theretofore appointed will be disregarded in establishing the new terms.

All members shall serve only one full such term at which time replacements shall be appointed for three-year terms, except any member who is appointed to fill an unexpired term.

No ex-officio member may serve as chairman.

All vacancies caused by the expiration of a term, death, resignation, or removal of a member shall be filled as provided above. No member shall be removed from office except for neglect of duty, incompetence, malfeasance, or conviction of a felony, and then only after notice of the charge and full hearing before the City Council and Commissioners' Court, provided, however, that if any member misses any three regular meetings without being excused by the Board as a whole within a twelve-month period, the Board shall declare a vacancy and notify the authority which appointed such member so that the vacancy will be filled. The Board shall make such rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its duties as it shall find necessary and expedient. The Board shall elect one member to act as Vice-Chairman. No member of the Board except the alderman and the county commissioner, who are Board members, shall hold any other public office of honor, trust or profit in the government of the City or County during the term of his office.

The Board shall possess full supervisory powers over the promotion of tourism and convention activities in the City and County of El Paso, and over the operation of the Civic Center. The Board shall have full supervisory power over the functioning and personnel of the Center. Any matters involving expenditures of public funds for the promotion of tourism and conventions in the City and County of El Paso, shall be submitted to the Board for its study and recommendation before final action is taken thereon by the City Council and Commissioners' Court.

4. Prior to the preparation of the budget by the City Council and Commissioners' Court, for the operation of the Center, recommendations shall be obtained from the Board with regard thereto. After the budget has been approved, the Board shall not have the power to transfer funds from item to item within the budget unless approval is first obtained from the

City Council and Commissioners' Court. All funds spent for the promotion of the Civic Center facility usage, tourism and convention activities, by the City and County (except airport revenues of the City, and except funds spent by the County in connection with the County Coliseum), shall be carried and expended through the Center's budget as shown in the current year's operating budgets of the City and County.

5. A managing director shall be appointed to actively manage the operation of the Center under the supervision of the Board. Said director shall be appointed jointly by the City Council and Commissioners' Court. The director shall serve as secretary to the Board without additional compensation. The director may be removed at will by the appointing authorities. Likewise, the director may be removed by the Board, provided that such action shall be subject to review by the appointing authorities, and if requested by the director, a hearing will be had before a joint meeting of the City Council and Commissioners' Court and a three-quarter vote of those present and voting will pass on the action of the Board in removing or reinstating said director. The Mayor and County Judge will have the right to vote.

6. The City Council and Commissioners' Court shall determine the number of employees to constitute the Center and shall fix the salaries of such employees, provided, however, that prior to eliminating or creating any such position in the Center, or to fixing or changing any salary of any employee thereof, the City Council and Commissioners' Court shall request recommendation from the Board with regard thereto, although such recommendation shall not be binding on such bodies. Salaries of said employees being once fixed, no increase or decrease shall become effective without approval of the Board, provided further, however, that nothing herein shall prevent the City Council and Commissioners' Court, for reason of economy, from taking joint action to eliminate any position or to generally decrease salaries of the Center's budget. All employees of the Center, other than the director,

as hereinabove set out, shall be appointed and may be discharged or suspended without pay by the director subject to the approval of the Board.

7. In addition to the above, the Board will serve in an advisory capacity and shall assist the City Council and Commissioners' Court in the following matters:

- a. Advising the City Council and Commissioners' Court on all activities to promote greater and more efficient utilization of Civic Center facilities;
- b. Advising the City Council and Commissioners' Court on all activities to oversee advertising for general promotional and conventions/tourist advertising of the City and County of El Paso and vicinity;
- c. Advising the City Council and Commissioners' Court on all activities to oversee a solicitation and operating program to attract conventions and visitors to the City and County of El Paso;
- d. Furnishing to the City Council and Commissioners' Court an annual report covering the Board's overall activities including a report on the Board's activities in the areas of tourism, conventions and the Civic Center. Such recommendations of the Board shall not be binding on the City Council and Commissioners' Court.

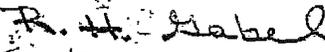
9. Ordinance 7339 passed and approved on September 22, 1981 which created the City-County Board of Tourism and Conventions is hereby repealed. The City-County Board of Tourism and Conventions is hereby abolished and all current members of said board are hereby terminated.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of November, 1983.

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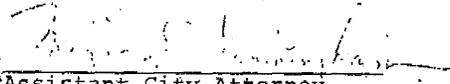


Mayor



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Assistant City Attorney

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