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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso owns and operates portions of the Santa Fe, Stanton Street and Zaragoza International Bridges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso is responsible for a portion of international bridge operations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the efficient flow of commerce and people across the international bridges is vital for commerce; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the aesthetic appearance of the international bridges is an important element for increased usage of the bridges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is concerned for the safety of individuals and commerce that cross the international bridges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that it is important to increase the efficiency and utility of the international bridges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to create an advisory Commission regarding the International Bridges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That an advisory Commission to the Mayor and City Council is created which shall be named the International Bridge Commission.

The International Bridge Commission shall be composed of the following:

1. The Commission membership shall be composed as follows:
 - a. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) members. Each District Representative and the Mayor shall nominate one (1) individual to serve as a member of the Commission. All nominees will be appointed by City Council.
 - b. Each member nominated by a Representative must be a resident of the same district as the City Representative making the nomination.

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2. There will be eleven (11) ex-officio members of this Commission who will serve without the right to vote and will not be counted for purposes of constituting a quorum. The eleven (11) ex-officio members may include the Directors of the U.S. Customs Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Federal Protective Service, International Boundary and Water Commission/U.S. Section, City of El Paso Chief of Police, City of El Paso Director or Assistant Director of Traffic and Transportation, Superintendent of the El Paso Independent School District, Superintendent of the Socorro Independent School District, Superintendent of the Ysleta Independent School District, Commanding General of Ft. Bliss, Texas; or their designees.

The members of the International Bridge Commission shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Terms shall take effect from the second Tuesday in June in years that end in odd numbers. A Commission member shall not serve for more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

The International Bridge Commission shall perform the following duties:

- a. The Commission shall represent a positive, collective effort to gather information regarding concerns about international bridge safety, aesthetics and commerce from various individuals and organizations including but not limited to civic, consumer, business, public agencies, private agencies and governmental agencies. The Commission may notify various individuals and organizations regarding Commission meetings in order to encourage participation from these sectors of the community.
- b. The Commission shall make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in a positive attempt to improve matters affecting the aesthetic appearance, safety and efficient flow of commerce and people across the international bridges in El Paso. The Commission shall make their recommendations as required, but at a minimum, once annually.

Each year, members of the International Bridge Commission shall elect from their membership two (2) individuals who will serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Commission will have a secretary provided by the Department of Economic Development who shall serve without the right to vote and shall not be counted for purposes of constituting a quorum. Other City departments will support the efforts of the Commission as required.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of October, 1993.

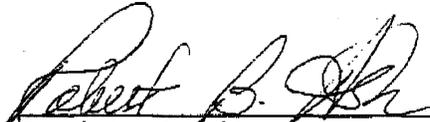
THE CITY OF EL PASO


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Assistant City Attorney

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