

ORDINANCE NO. 014790

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NOS. 008392, 008720, 011526 AND ANY OTHER AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND REESTABLISHING THE EL PASO MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council hereby recognizes the impact that development on the Franklin Mountains and its foothill areas has on the City; and

WHEREAS, the first citizen group organized to oversee development of the mountain area was created on March 8, 1973 as the Citizen's Advisory Impact Study Committee; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 1975 the committee name was changed to the El Paso Mountain Committee; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Mountain Committee was re-established on June 25, 1985 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 008392; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Nos. 008720 and 011526, adopted on July 8, 1986 and August 24, 1993 respectively, amended the membership and quorum requirements of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council finds it necessary to change the duties and responsibilities of the El Paso Mountain Committee,

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

1. That Ordinance Nos. 008392, 008720, and 011526, approved on June 25, 1985, July 8, 1986, and August 24, 1993 respectively, and any other amendments made thereto, shall be and are hereby repealed in their entirety, except that the members of the El Paso Mountain Committee serving on the effective date of this ordinance shall complete their current terms and any changes affecting the term of office for members shall not take effect until each member completes his or her current term or resigns, whichever comes first.

2. That the El Paso Mountain Committee, immediately upon passage of this ordinance, shall follow the articles as described below:

Article One. That there is hereby created the El Paso Mountain Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Committee") to consist of nine (9) regular members, by appointment of the Mayor and City Council. In addition, a representative of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Committee. The members of the Committee shall serve as an advisory committee to the Department of Planning, Research &

Development, the City Plan Commission and City Council concerning the development of the Mountain Development Area as defined in Title 19 (Subdivisions) of the El Paso Municipal Code. The Committee shall:

- a. Review and make recommendations on proposed changes of zoning, detailed site development plans, special permits, subdivision plats/replats, land studies, right-of-way dedications or vacations, and other land development applications received on property within the Mountain Development Area. In its recommendation of these items, special attention shall be given to drainage and flood control, open space requirements, grading impacts, and developmental controls;
- b. Review and make recommendations for change, when appropriate, to regulations of the El Paso Municipal Code affecting development of the Mountain Development Area;
- c. Make recommendations for future acquisition of properties in the Mountain Development Area that are of interest and concern to the City;
- d. Assist local and state agencies, as needed, in the long-term planning for the Franklin Mountains State Park; and
- e. Review and make recommendations on any other items as directed by the Mayor and City Council.

Article Two. The term of office for regular members of the Committee shall be two (2) years. Upon an expiration of a full term, a member may be re-appointed to serve a second full term, provided that membership on the Committee does not exceed two consecutive terms. For purposes of this Article, an appointment made to fill an unexpired term resulting from the resignation of a regular member shall not be construed as a full term of office. All other appointments made to fill a vacancy on the Committee shall be considered a full term.

Article Three. The officers of the Committee shall be the Chair, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair. The officers shall be elected annually at the first scheduled meeting of the Committee. When an officer vacancy exists, the position shall be filled by the next succeeding officer. The Chair shall call for an election from the regular members of the Committee to fill the vacancy then created at the first available meeting of the Committee.

Article Four. The Committee shall hold meetings as necessary to conduct its business, and shall determine its regular meeting schedule at the first annual meeting held each year. Special or emergency meetings may be called and held at any time. All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public and shall be posted by staff at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.

Article Five. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five (5) regular members and shall be required to vote on any question. Motions may not be made by the Chair, but the Chair may

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vote on and discuss all motions. The vote of the majority of the quorum shall be necessary to decide any question. Members of the Committee who cannot attend a scheduled meeting of the Committee shall provide advance notice to the Department of Planning, Research & Development.

Article Six. When a member of the Committee is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings, the Department of Planning, Research & Development shall report this fact to the Mayor and City Council so that consideration may be given to the removal of such member as provided in the El Paso Municipal Code.

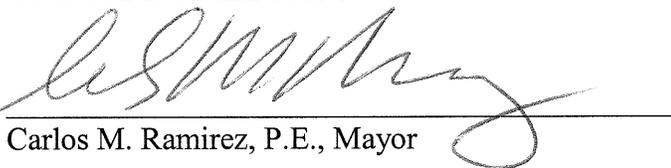
Article Seven. Sub-committees of the Committee membership, or advisory sub-committees of citizens with or without Committee membership, may be appointed by the Chair to assist the Committee in reviewing and making recommendations as herein provided.

Article Eight. The Director of the Department of Planning, Research & Development, or his designated representative, shall serve as the Executive Secretary to the Committee and shall provide for the administrative staffing of the Committee, including maintaining all records of meetings, findings and determinations of the Committee. In addition, the Department of Planning, Research & Development shall be responsible for assisting in all research activities undertaken by the Committee and shall represent the Committee, as requested or when no other Committee member is present, at hearings of the City Plan Commission and the City Council as necessary.

Article Nine. The Committee may adopt separate by-laws for the government of their own proceedings and to carry out the purposes for which the Committee was created, not inconsistent with the charter and ordinances of the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 2001.

THE CITY OF EL PASO


Carlos M. Ramirez, P.E., Mayor

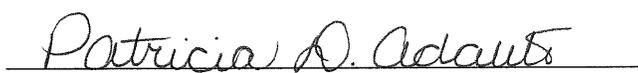
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