

Bylaws of the City of Holland Downtown Development Authority

Article 1-Name

City of Holland Mainstreet/Downtown Development Authority

Article II-Purpose

In recognition of the fact that it is necessary for the best interests of the public to halt property value deterioration and increase property tax valuation in the City downtown business district and to promote the economic growth of the City downtown business district, a Downtown Development Authority is hereby established pursuant to Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, to be known as the City of Holland Mainstreet/Downtown Development Authority.

Article III- Powers; Duties; Boundaries

The Downtown Development Authority shall have all of the powers and duties prescribed by Article XIV.1 of Chapter 2 of the Holland City Code, to the extent consistent with Act No. 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, as amended (MCLA § 125.1651 et seq.).

Article IV- Board, Officers, Membership; Terms

SECTION 1.

The Downtown Development Authority Board membership and terms shall be as prescribe in Article XIV.1 of Chapter 2 of the Holland City Code.

SECTION 2.

The Board shall select a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from its members at its first regular meeting of each fiscal year. They shall serve until their term on the Board expires or until a replacement is elected, whichever is earlier.

SECTION 3.

The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings and decide all points of order. The Vice-Chairperson shall preside over meetings when the Chairperson is unable to attend.

Article V-Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Authority shall correspond at all times to the fiscal year of the City of Holland.

Article VI- Committees

The DDA Board may designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of one or more of the DDA Board members

Article VII-Meetings and Voting

Section 1. MEETING DATE

The DDA Board shall hold a meeting, open to the public on the first Tuesday of each month. Notice of the annual schedule of regular meetings and any additional meeting shall be given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, PA of 1976). Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by DDA staff upon such advance notice as is possible, but at least 18 hours. The City Clerk shall post notice of all meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Section 2. QUORUM

A majority of the members of the Board (seven of twelve board members) constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board provided.

SECTION 3. VOTING

The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board (seven of twelve board members) shall be necessary to pass any motion, except as otherwise required by law.

Section 4. OPEN MEETINGS

All meetings shall be open to the public, except where closed sessions are authorized by law, and shall include a time for public comment.

Section 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Conflict of interest, as defined by law, shall be the sole reason for a member to abstain from voting. A board member who has a conflict of interest in any matter before the Authority shall disclose such conflict prior to the Authority taking any action with respect to the matter, which disclosure shall become a part of the record of the Authority's official proceedings.

Article VIII-Amendments

These Rules of Procedure may be altered or amended or repealed by a 2/3s affirmative vote of the Board then in office at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, subject to approval of the City Council.

Adopted on March 16, 2022