

BILL NO. 78-2014

AMENDING THE CITY CODE CHAPTER 1, § 23-1201. PURPOSE; MEMBERSHIP BY DECREASING THE NUMBER OF MAIN STREET BOARD MEMBERS FROM NINE (9) TO SEVEN (7).

WHEREAS, the City of Reading ("City"), by the adoption of Ordinance No. 95-2010 on November 22, 2010, has established the Reading Main Street Program with support from the Department of Community and Economic Development of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("DCED") and the Pennsylvania Downtown Center ("PDC") in accordance with the New Communities Program for the prevention and elimination of blight under Section 4(C) of the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance Law, Act of May 20, 1949, P.L. 1633, No. 493, as amended; and,

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amending the City Code Chapter 1, § 23-1201. Purpose; Membership by decreasing the number of Main Street Board Members as follows:

The City recognizes that a blighting influence exists because of urban decay and continued divestment in the Central Business District of the City the Reading Main Street Program Board is hereby authorized and shall consist of ~~nine~~ seven (7) members, who shall be recommended by the Mayor and approved by City Council for a term of three years, and a liaison *appointed by Council. The liaison shall be a member of City Council along with a second member of Council serving as an alternative for the purpose of providing the Main Street Board with input on the vision for the downtown and advice on other matters.* The Reading Main Street Program Board of Directors and the Reading Department of Community Development will serve as advisory bodies to the Main Street Program. The Board of Directors of the RDIDA will exercise fiduciary and administrative oversight over the Reading Main Street Program. The purposes of the Reading Main Street Program are to: 1) promote a sense of community and unified purpose, 2) assure the historic continuity of the City's architectural heritage, 3) improve the image and perception of the City to residents and visitors and, 4) strengthen economic rejuvenation of property and commerce to the benefit of all.

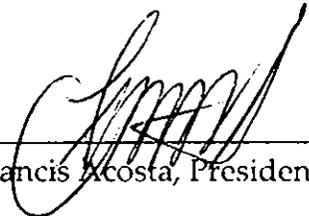
Section 2. Full force and effect. The remainder of this section shall remain in full force and effect.

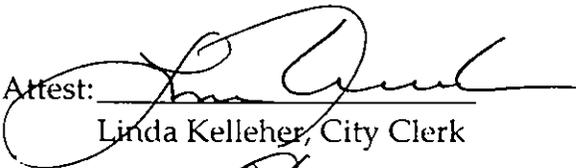
Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, part or provision hereof shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of the court shall not affect the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts or provisions of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council that such Ordinance would have been enacted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause, part or provision had not been included herein.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after its adoption and approval by the Mayor, or repassage by City Council over the Mayor's veto, in accordance with Section 219 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter, or as set forth in Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 27 day of Oct, 2014.  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
READING

  
Francis Acosta, President

Attest:   
Linda Kelleher, City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/28/14

Received by the Mayor's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/28/14

Approved by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed by Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 27 day of Oct, A. D. 20 14. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 3 day of Nov, A. D. 20 14.

  
CITY CLERK