

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING
CHAPTER 2.90 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE
MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUDGET ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City has struggled to fill vacant seats for the Budget Engagement Commission
for some time, which has caused difficulties for the Commission to have quorum to hold meetings;

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the City to reduce the number of seats for the Budget
Engagement Commission to match the City's standard nine seats; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of this ordinance to incrementally reduce the number of seats to
nine, beginning with the current number of vacant seats.

The City Council of the City of Riverside, California, does ordain as follows:

Section 1: Section 2.90.010 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

Pursuant to provisions of Sections 800 through 805 of the City Charter, there is created a
Budget Engagement Commission consisting of ~~18~~thirteen members.

Section 2: Section 2.90.030 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

A. Number. The Budget Engagement Commission shall be composed of ~~thirteen~~18
members, consisting of ~~1. — Nine resident members, at a minimum,~~ seven nominated by each of the
Council members to represent each of the City's wards, and two Citywide nominations made by the
Mayor. The remaining seats shall be held by the existing members until the expiration of their terms
or their resignation or removal from the Commission.; and

~~2. — Nine business members, seven nominated by each of the Council members to represent
a business located in their respective City wards or an individual who resides in the respective City
ward and who has a business located in any ward in the City, and two Citywide nominations made by
the Mayor.~~

B. Appointment. Budget Engagement Commission appointments will be made by the
Mayor and City Council from the nominations described in subparagraph A above, without interview.

C. Term. In accordance with Section 802 of the City Charter, the Budget Engagement
Commission members shall serve a term of four years, for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

~~However, the initial appointment of the first 18 members after the effective date of this chapter, shall~~

1 ~~be determined by a drawing at the Commission's first meeting to decide which members shall serve~~
2 ~~two, three and four year terms. The nine residential members and nine business members shall each~~
3 ~~be broken down for each group as follows: three members shall serve two year terms, three members~~
4 ~~shall serve three year terms, and three members shall serve four year terms. The member's term shall~~
5 ~~run until March 1, of the respective two, three or four year term. Service of more than one year shall~~
6 ~~be counted as service of one full term.~~

7 ~~D. Definitions. For the purpose of the membership of the Budget Engagement~~
8 ~~Commission, the following definitions shall apply:~~

9 ~~1. Business member shall be a registered voter residing within the City limits of the City~~
10 ~~of Riverside and who owns, operates or serves in a management capacity in a Riverside-based for~~
11 ~~profit or non-profit business.~~

12 ~~2. Resident member shall be a registered voter residing within the city limits of the City~~
13 ~~of Riverside.~~

14 Section 3: Section 2.90.040 of the Riverside Municipal Code is amended as follows:

15 A. *Meetings.* The Budget Engagement Commission will meet quarterly, or as often as needed,
16 to review financial and performance reports before they are presented to the City Council. In addition,
17 upon formation, Commission will review and provide input on Citywide performance indicators
18 recommended by City staff based on strategic priorities.

19 B. *Officers.* The Commission shall annually elect one of its members to be chairperson and
20 one of its members to be vice-chairperson.

21 C. *Rules.* The Commission shall make and alter rules governing its organization and
22 procedures which are not inconsistent with this chapter, the City Charter, or any other City ordinance,
23 resolution or policy. At a minimum, the rules shall provide that a quorum is based on the total
24 membership of the Commission~~18 members~~, attendance requirements, and other rules as agreed upon
25 by the membership.

26 D. *Records.* The Commission shall keep a record of its proceedings and shall submit an annual
27 report to the City Council.

1 E. *Secretary*. An officer or employee designated by the City Manager shall serve as secretary
2 of the Commission and provide staff support as necessary.

3 Section 4: The City Council has reviewed the matter and, based upon the facts and information
4 contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and written and oral testimony, hereby finds that
5 this ordinance is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as it can be
6 seen with certainty that approval of the project will not have an effect on the environment.

7 Section 5: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause publication
8 once in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with Section 414 of the Charter of the City
9 of Riverside. This Ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after the date of its adoption.
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11 ADOPTED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2025.
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14 PATRICIA LOCK DAWSON
Mayor of the City of Riverside

15 Attest:
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18 DONESIA GAUSE
City Clerk of the City of Riverside
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20 I, Donesia Gause, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the
21 foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council on the ____
22 day of _____, 2025, and that thereafter the said ordinance was duly and regularly adopted
23 at a meeting of the City Council on the ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote,
24 to wit:

25 Ayes:

26 Noes:

27 Absent:

Abstain:

1 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the
2 City of Riverside, California, this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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5 DONESIA GAUSE
6 City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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