

ORDINANCE 10-2023

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HOPKINSVILLE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION

WHEREAS, small businesses located within the City are an important part of the economic development of the community; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to receive input from small businesses on strategic policies and incentives, with the result of strengthening, promoting and accelerating the growth of small businesses within the City; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create an organization to provide input and resources for small businesses located within the City of Hopkinsville.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE

ESTABLISHMENT: The Hopkinsville Small Business Commission is hereby created as an agency of the City of Hopkinsville.

SECTION TWO

MEMBERSHIP: The Commission shall be composed of thirteen (13) voting members, which shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to City Council approval. The Mayor shall designate the initial Chairperson of the Commission. Each member must be a current small business owner within the City of Hopkinsville, with a current and valid City business license. For purposes of this Section, "small business" is defined as a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other business entity with less than 100 employees. In addition to the appointed members of the Commission, the Commission shall also include a designee of the Hopkinsville/Christian County Chamber of Commerce, who will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member. The initial appointment of Commission members shall be for the following terms:

Five (5) members appointed for four (4) years;

Four (4) members appointed for three (3) years;

Four (4) members appointed for two (2) years; and

All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of two (2) years.

SECTION THREE

MEETINGS; QUORUM: The Commission shall meet on a regular basis, at least quarterly, with additional meetings upon the call of the Chairman or Vice Chairman, as needed. All meetings shall be held in accordance with the requirements of the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The meetings shall be facilitated by City administration within the

discretion of the Mayor and City Administrative Officer. Seven (7) Commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event any Commission member has more than three (3) absences within one calendar year, said member may be removed and a replacement appointed to fill the unexpired term, in the discretion of the Mayor.

SECTION FOUR

COMPENSATION: The Commission members shall serve without compensation and the Commission shall have no employees.

SECTION FIVE

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS: The Commission shall advise the Mayor and City Council with regard to strategic policies and incentives, with the goal to strengthen, promote and accelerate the growth of small businesses within the City. The Commission may be assigned tasks and projects by the Mayor, in the Mayor’s discretion.

SECTION SIX

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION SEVEN

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION EIGHT

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

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PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED FIRST TIME: _____

PUBLICLY READ AND PASSED SECOND TIME: _____

APPROVED: _____

**James R. Knight Jr.
Mayor**

ATTEST: _____

**Christine M. Fletcher, MMC
City Clerk**