

ORDINANCE NO. 623

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR PROVISIONS FROM ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE EASTON TOWN CODE, RENUMBERING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 2 AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE IX IN CHAPER 2 OF THE TOWN CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE TOWN.

INTRODUCED BY _____

WHEREAS, the Town of Easton is authorized by Maryland Annotated Code Article 23A §2(a) to enact such ordinances as it deems necessary in order to assure the good government of the municipality, and to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the citizens of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Easton currently has provisions in the Town Code related to the office of Town of Easton Economic Development Coordinator, which provisions are currently in Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the Town Code; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two Article VIIIs in the Town Code and two sets of sections numbered 2-27 through 2-34;

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to repeal the provisions related to the Economic Development Coordinator, replace them with provisions establishing an Economic Development Program for the Town of Easton, and renumber portions of Chapter 2 to remove duplicate numbers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Easton hereby ordains that:

Section 1. The provisions of Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the Town Code entitled

“Economic Development Coordinator” are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with provisions to read as follows:

Article IX - Economic Development Program

Sec. 2-35. Establishment.

The Town of Easton shall have an Economic Development Program for the purpose of: (1) encouraging sound and balanced economic growth; (2) attracting and retaining businesses, including, but not limited to, small, minority, and/or disadvantaged enterprises; (3) promoting the creation and retention of jobs in the Town; (4) expanding the commercial and industrial tax base of the Town of Easton; (5) applying for and administering grants and loans related to the economic vitality of the Town and assisting with various tax credit and loan programs offered by Federal, State, and County governments as these programs relate to the economic vitality of the Town; (6) identifying areas of the Town in need of economic revitalization and assisting with plans for needed revitalization; (7) assisting existing businesses and prospective businesses in identifying sources of financing and professional and technical services; and (8) providing technical assistance, education, and information to the business community and its recognized associations.

Sec 2-36. Administration.

The Economic Development Program shall be administered (1) by the Town through the employment of an Economic Development Coordinator appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Town Council or; (2) at the discretion of the Mayor and Town Council, by a nonprofit economic organization organized for the purpose of implementing the Economic Development Program for the Town of Easton.

Section 2. The current Article IX entitled Tree Board is hereby renumbered Article X and the sections of it currently numbered 2-32 through 2-35 are renumbered 2-37 through 2-40.

Section 3. In accordance with Article II Section 9 of the Easton Town Charter, this ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) calendar days after approval by the Mayor or passage of this ordinance by the Council over the Mayor’s veto.

Malone -
Leshner -
Wendowski -
Cook -
Ford -

I hereby certify that the above Ordinance was passed by a ye and nay vote of the Council this _____ day of _____, 2013.

John F. Ford, Town Council President

Delivered to the Mayor by me this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Date: _____

Robert C. Willey, Mayor

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____, 2013.