

BYLAWS
Shenandoah County Economic Development Council
(as authorized by the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce)

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

The Economic Development Council (hereafter referred to as the “Council”) shall advise and make recommendations to the Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors and Administration (hereafter referred to as the “County”) on matters related to economic development which include, but are not limited to, the expansion and diversification of the tax base; the creation of employment opportunities; and the overall improvement of private-sector and public services. The Council shall concentrate on the following, in no particular order: public support of economic development/investment; workforce development; transit; infrastructure; development of “pad-ready” sites; pro-business zoning and regulation; and tax incentives. The Council shall develop strategic partnerships with the County and local/regional/state agencies to advance economic development within the community, as well as serve as a communication conduit between private business, local government and other key stakeholders.

ARTICLE II
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Council members shall:

1. Work in a coordinated fashion, respect all points-of-view and, in carrying out its duties and tasks, shall adhere to the County’s comprehensive plan as well as the values and mission of Shenandoah County.
2. Be knowledgeable local business, financial or development related individuals that have unique insights on the best ways to promote continued investment in the County.
3. Review and understand the County’s current economic development incentives, if any.
4. Advise on other tools that could be used to encourage economic development opportunities.
5. Serve as ambassadors of the County and promote the County to their contacts.
6. Provide business leads and contacts to the County Economic Development staff where appropriate.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

1. The Council may consist of up to twelve (12) members maximum, but not less than eight (8).

2. Council members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Upon formation, terms will be staggered with approximately one-third of the members having one-year, two-year and three-year terms respectfully.
3. The members shall have expertise and practical experience in the area of economic development related issues.
4. At least one member of the Council must be elected as a Board Member of the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce to serve as a communication and reporting conduit.
5. Council members may be removed by the majority vote of the Council.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council members shall be nominated and appointed by the Council.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

1. The Council shall hold routine meetings quarterly. The Chairman may call interim meetings as necessary and appropriate.
2. The President of the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce, or his/her designee, will record and submit meeting minutes detailing the Council's activities.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION

1. Council members shall nominate, from among their members, a Chair and Vice-Chair who will be approved annually by the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce Board.
2. The Chair shall preside over all meetings.
3. The Vice-Chair shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chair.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

1. The Council may appoint any and all committees as deemed necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Council.
2. Each committee shall appoint their own Chair.
3. All committees shall report to the Council as frequently as requested.

4. Duties of each committee shall be those implied by the name of the committee and any additional functions assigned to them by the Council.

ARTICLE VII
BYLAWS

These by-laws shall not be repealed, amended or modified except by majority action of the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce at a properly noticed meeting.

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any portion of these by-laws is found to be invalid, the remaining portion shall stand.