



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CREATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT BOARD
(NOTE: THIS ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED BY ORD-11:022 ON APRIL 5, 2011; ORD-12:014 ON APRIL 3, 2012)

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro is responsible for planning, developing, and managing a safe, efficient, and affordable transportation system for its local jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, this responsibility requires involvement of policy makers, technical staff, and citizens to address various facets of transportation management and planning;

WHEREAS, a formal transportation management and planning committee is needed to guide and make recommendations regarding the transportation system for the City of Jonesboro;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS THAT:

SECTION ONE: Name: The official name of this committee shall be The Transportation Management Board (TMB).

SECTION TWO: Member number, qualifications, appointment and terms of office of members.

There is hereby created a City of Jonesboro Transportation Management Board which shall consist of nine (9) voting members counting:

- (1) The Chair of the Public Works Transportation Subcommittee of the City Council;
- (2) The Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce;
- (3) The Chair of the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC);
- (4) The Chair of the Jonesboro Economical Transit System (JETS) Board; and
- (5) Five (5) members from the community at-large.

At-large members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the City Council. All other members shall serve by virtue of their other appointments.

At-large members shall serve a term of two (2) years from the anniversary date of the passage of this Ordinance and shall continue to be so eligible as long as they shall serve or be reappointed by the Mayor. The terms of office of the first appointed at-large members shall be staggered such that two at-large appointments expire after the first year.

Non-voting members of the committee shall include the following listed members or their appointees: Director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the City Engineer, the City Planner, the City Street Superintendent, the Uniform Patrol/Traffic Captain of the Jonesboro Police Department, and the Director of Jonesboro Economical Transit system (JETS).

SECTION THREE: Organization

Within thirty days after its appointment, the Transportation Management Board shall organize itself by election of one of its voting members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson. New officers shall be elected annually at the first meeting following the anniversary date of the passage of this Ordinance. The City Engineer shall appoint the secretary to the board to be the custodian of the minutes and records of the proceedings of the board. The City Attorney or his representative shall serve as legal advisor to the board.

SECTION FOUR: Compensation

All appointed members of the board shall serve without compensation.

SECTION FIVE: Removal and Replacement of Members.

All appointed members of the board may be removed from membership on the board by a majority vote of the City Council for continued absence from meetings of the board or other just cause. Replacement of any appointed member of the board resigning or dismissed from the board shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council in the same manner as prescribed for regular appointees. Any members appointed as a replacement shall serve only for the remainder of the term of the member replaced, unless subsequently re-appointed for an additional term.

SECTION SIX: Duties and Procedures.

The Transportation Management Board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to conduct its business. The board, in open meeting, shall hear all appeals, under the provisions of this section. The board shall meet at regular intervals of at least once every other month with the day and time to be set by the board. In the event no appeals have been filed and there is no business pending, the chairperson may cancel the meeting seven (7) days before its scheduled date.

The board shall assist with the planning, preparation, promotion, and implementation of a comprehensive transportation management program for the City of Jonesboro and shall make recommendations to other boards and commissions, as necessary.

The board shall approve all transportation related technical codes and standards, planning documents, and improvement programs before they become binding under the terms of an ordinance. The board shall also advise and make recommendations to the City Council, or the appropriate City Council Committee, regarding transportation related issues including, but not limited to, traffic control signage, signals, street functional classification, street configuration, and street geometric design.

SECTION SEVEN: Quorum, Voting and Conflict of Interest.

Five members of the Transportation Management Board shall constitute a quorum. A majority vote of voting members present shall be required for actions by the board. No member of the board shall act in any case in which he has a personal interest.

SECTION EIGHT: Appeals to Board.

(1) Whenever the City Engineer shall reject or refuse to approve a plan for noncompliance of the applicable Transportation Management Codes, the owner or his authorized agent may appeal the decision of the City

Engineer to the Transportation Management Board. An appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days after said decision by the City Engineer. The fee for filing an appeal shall be \$100.00 plus all actual advertising costs.

(2) Every decision of the board shall be final, subject however, to such remedy as any aggrieved party or the City of Jonesboro may have at law or in equity. All decisions of the board shall be in writing and shall indicate the vote of each member of the board upon the decision. Every decision shall be promptly entered into the minutes of the meeting of the board and filed in the office of the City Engineer and in the office of the City Clerk. The records of the board shall be open to public inspection and a certified copy of each decision shall be sent by mail or otherwise to the appellant.

SECTION NINE: This Ordinance expressly supersedes Ordinance No. 06:108 and any other ordinance in conflict.

SECTION TEN: Due to confusion resulting in delays in the placement of traffic control signage, signals, and other devices, an emergency is declared and this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2010.