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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE 1988 CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING
SECTIONS 33.500 - 33.502 TO ESTABLISH THE SPRINGFIELD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield is a home rule unit as defined in Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution and has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 33 of the 1988 City of Springfield Code of Ordinances, as amended, pertains to boards, commissions and subordinate departments within the City of Springfield; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to amend Chapter 33 by adding Section 33.500 establishing the Springfield Economic Development Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:**

Section 1: That the City Council hereby amends Chapter 33 of the 1988 City of Springfield Code of Ordinances, as amended, by adding Section 33.500 as follows:

**ARTICLE XLV. - SPRINGFIELD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
§ 33.500. - Established; membership; terms; vacancies.**

- (a) There is hereby established a Springfield Economic Development Commission. The commission shall be subordinate to the executive assistant to the mayor for the purposes of administrative supervision.
- (b) The commission shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council. Of those seven, one shall be from each of the following industries: construction, financial and real estate. One member shall be recommended by the Superintendent of School District 186 and confirmed by the School Board. The remaining three shall be selected at large from residents of Springfield. Initial appointments shall be for staggered terms made by December 1, 2015.
- (c) The terms of office of the members of the commission shall be three years, and commissioners shall continue to serve until they are reappointed and confirmed by the city council, or until their successors are appointed and confirmed by the city council. The mayor may remove any member. No member shall receive compensation as such.
- (d) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 2: That the City Council hereby amends Chapter 33 of the 1988 City of Springfield Code of Ordinances, as amended, by adding Section 33.501 as follows:

§ 33.501. - Officers; quorum; special meetings.

Members of the commission shall meet at least monthly. There shall be a chairman of the commission appointed by the mayor from the members of the commission. The commission shall also elect one of the members to serve as secretary who shall keep a record of all resolutions, proceedings, and actions of the commission. Four members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business. A majority vote of members present shall constitute approval of business before it. Special meetings may

be called by the chairman or by no less than four members of the commission. Any person or his/her duly authorized representative shall be entitled to appear and be heard on any matter before the commission reaches a decision.

Section 3: That the City Council hereby amends Chapter 33 of the 1988 City of Springfield Code of Ordinances, as amended, by adding Section 33.502 as follows:

§ 33.502. - Powers and duties.

Without limiting those powers and duties prescribed by law and ordinance, the Springfield Economic Development Commission shall work with the Director of Economic Development to evaluate Economic Development plans, trends, financing/grant money, T.I.F. districts, T.I.F. funds, and the allocation of those T.I.F. funds. The Commission shall make recommendations to the City Council when requested by the Mayor and/or the Director of Economic Development.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish this ordinance in pamphlet form.

Section 5: That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication in pamphlet form.

PASSED: July 21, 2015

SIGNED: July 28, 2015

RECORDED: July 24, 2015

James O. Langfelder
Mayor James O. Langfelder

ATTEST: Frank J. Lesko
City Clerk Frank J. Lesko

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Requested by: Mayor James O. Langfelder

July 28 7-28-2015
Office of Corporation Counsel / Date