

Chapter 16**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY****Sections:**

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16-1 (RESERVED)**16-2 (RESERVED)****16-3 ESTABLISHMENT**

There is hereby created, pursuant to Title 15.2, Chapter 49, the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, of the Code of Virginia, by the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (“Town Council”) to be known as the Economic Development Authority of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia, also to be known as the “Front Royal EDA”.

16-4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICE

- A. The Front Royal EDA created in this Chapter shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of seven (7) Directors to be appointed by Town Council. Appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years, except appointments to fill vacancies which shall be for the unexpired portion of such term. If, at the end of any term of office of any Director, a successor shall not have been appointed or qualified, the Director whose term of office shall have expired shall continue to hold office until his successor shall be appointed and qualified.
- B. The seven (7) Directors of the Front Royal EDA shall be appointed initially for terms of one (1) , two (2), three (3) and four (4) years, two (2) being appointed for one-year terms; two (2) being appointed for two-year terms; two (2) being appointed for three-year terms and one (1) being appointed for a four (4)-year term. Subsequent appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years, except appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be for the unexpired terms.

- C. Each Director shall, before entering upon his duties, take and subscribe the oath prescribed by Va. Code § 49-1, or its successor provision.
- D. No Director shall be an officer or employee of the Town of Front Royal or the County of Warren.
- E. Each Director shall be a resident of the Town of Front Royal or Warren County when appointed as a Director the Front Royal EDA. Residents of Warren County must own a business within the corporate limits of the Town of Front Royal. When a Director ceases to be a resident of the Town of Front Royal, or if a resident of Warren County ceases to be owner of a business within the corporate limits of the Town of Front Royal or ceases to be a resident of Warren County, that Director's office shall become immediately vacant and a new Director may be appointed for the remainder of the term.

(Amended 4-26-21 to Add Warren County Residents Requirement-Effective Upon Passage)

- F. The Directors shall receive no salary but may be compensated such amount per regular, special, or committee meeting or per each official representation as may be approved by Town Council, not to exceed \$200.00 per meeting or official representation, or such other amount as may from time to time be set by the Code of Virginia, and shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- G. Four (4) members of the Board of Directors of the Front Royal EDA shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors for the purposes of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes, except that no facilities owned by the Front Royal EDA shall be leased or disposed of in any manner without a majority vote of all members of the Board of Directors. No vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the board.
- H. The Board of Directors of the Front Royal EDA shall keep detailed minutes of its proceedings, which shall be open to public inspection at all times. It shall keep suitable records of its financial transactions and, unless exempted by Va. Code § 30-140 or its successors provision, it shall arrange to have the same audited annually. Copies of such audit shall be furnished to Town Council annually and shall be open to public inspection.
- I. As a condition to service of office, each Director of the Front Royal EDA shall timely complete and file, in accordance with all requirements of the Code of Virginia, the Statement of Economic Disclosure and comply with all requirements of the State and Local Government Conflicts of Interests Act as provided in Title 2.2, Chapter 31, of the Code of Virginia, or its successor provisions.
- J. The Board of Directors of the Town EDA shall, upon its formation, promptly promulgate and execute Bylaws, which shall not become effective until ratified by Town Council; and upon ratification by Town Council, shall be binding upon the Town EDA and its Board of Directors and each of its Directors in each Director's official position as such.

16-5 OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the Front Royal EDA shall elect from its membership a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and from its membership or not, as they desire, a Secretary and a Treasurer, or a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall continue to hold such office until their respective successors are elected.

16-5 POWERS, DUTIES, AND LIMITATIONS: DEVELOPMENT AREAS

- A. In general and except as expressly set forth in this Chapter, the Front Royal EDA, its Board of Directors, and its individual Directors shall have and exercise all powers and duties and be subject to all duties and responsibilities and shall enjoy all exemptions from liability, as shall be set forth in the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act, Code of Virginia, 1950, §§ 15.2-4900 *et seq.*, as amended, or its successor provisions.
- B. Town Council hereby exercises its power and discretion, under the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act of the Code of Virginia and under this Chapter, to limit the type and number of facilities that the Front Royal EDA may finance or assist with financing or facilitate for development under this Chapter. Within any development or redevelopment area or facility the Front Royal EDA or Town Council or a developer proposes for promotion, development, redevelopment, financing, or assist with financing using the Front Royal EDA as a development or redevelopment promoter or facilitator, it may do so only (i) under the authority of this Chapter and under the authority of the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act; and further, (ii) the Front Royal EDA may only cause, promote, finance, assist with financing, or facilitate such development or redevelopment such facilities as may be provided for in an economic development, redevelopment, financing, financing assistance, and/or or performance agreement or other similar agreement or agreements as may from time to time be jointly agreed in writing upon between the Front Royal EDA's Board of Directors and Town Council prior to the Front Royal EDA entering into any agreement or memorandum of understanding or similar type agreement or arrangement with any third party. Any Town EDA development, redevelopment, promotional, or financing or similar type agreement or arrangement not in conformity with this provision shall be null and void.
- C. All agreements, arrangements, and instruments which purports to be legally binding and to which the Town EDA is a party shall be reviewed by a qualified and licensed attorney-at-law selected by Town Council and shall have affixed there to the signature and date of such signing by such attorney with the notation "Approved as to Legal Form" prior to execution thereof by the Town EDA. Any Town EDA agreement, arrangement, or instrument development, redevelopment or financing agreement or arrangement not in conformity with this provision shall be null and void.
- D. The Front Royal EDA and its Board of Directors shall have all powers, duties, liabilities, immunities from liabilities, and shall have such limitations upon its authority as set forth in the Industrial Development and Revenue Bond Act of the Code of Virginia and as set forth in in this Chapter, particularly 16-6 (A) and (B) herein.

