

ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ORDINANCE

Introduced by Council President Robert Ferri (by request)

Be it ordained that the City of Central Falls hereby amends Chapter 40 “REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY” as follows:

Section ONE: Chapter 40 “REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,” of the Central Falls Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 40-1. - The city redevelopment agency; creation and membership.

There shall be a Central Falls Redevelopment Agency ("agency"). The agency shall consist of five members appointed by the mayor and approved by the council from among persons who are residents and domiciliaries of the city. The members who are first appointed following adoption of the ordinance from which this chapter derives shall be designated to serve for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years respectively. Thereafter members shall be appointed for a term of office of five years such that the term of one member shall expire each year, except that all vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term. A member holds office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified. No member of the agency may be an elected officer or an employee of the city. The powers of the agency shall be vested in the members thereof then in office. Members shall receive their actual and necessary expenses including travel expenses and may receive such other compensation as the city council may prescribe. Upon passage of the ordinance from which this chapter derives, the current terms of the members are null and void and five members shall be reappointed pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 40-2. - Officers.

The agency shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. The agency shall elect or appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the agency. The term of office of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary, shall be for the calendar year, or for that portion remaining after each such officer is designated or elected.

Sec. 40-3. - Agency powers.

The agency shall have all of the powers, duties and responsibilities in connection with the redevelopment of blighted and substandard areas in the city, and for all other purposes, as set forth in the applicable laws of the state and of the federal government, the City of Central Falls Home Rule Charter, and any applicable municipal ordinances, now or hereinafter in effect for redevelopment agencies generally or the agency in particular. These powers may also be articulated in agency by-laws.

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

Introduction: December 11, 2023

First Reading; First Passage: January 8, 2024