

**BY-LAWS OF THE  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF MCDONOUGH, GEORGIA**

**ARTICLE I**

**MEMBERS**

Section 1. Management Powers, Number, Qualification and Term. The property, affairs and business of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of McDonough (“Authority”) shall be managed by its directors consisting of seven (7) persons, appointed from time to time as provided by Section 4 of the Downtown Development Authority Law of 1981 (O.C.G.A. §36-42-4). The qualifications of the directors shall be as provided by law. Each director shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and Council.

Section 2. Powers. The directors shall have such power and authority as is conferred upon them by the Downtown Development Authority Law of 1981 (O.C.G.A. §36-42-1 *et seq.*), as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended, and such other power and authority as may be contained under the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Georgia as the same may now or hereafter exist.

Section 3. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Authority shall be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM unless modified by the Chairman with consent of a majority of the directors. Notice of the time and place of such meeting may from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Authority, or, if not, fixed by the Chairman in the same manner as hereinafter specified for giving notice of special meetings. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Georgia Open Code Meetings Act (O.C.G.A. §50-14-1 *et. seq.*)

Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be held upon the call of the Chairman or any two directors at such time and at such place within the City of McDonough, Georgia as shall be specified in the notice of such meeting. Notice of special meetings shall be given to the public as required by Section 1 of the Georgia Open Meetings Act (O.C.G.A. §50-14-1). Notice to directors shall be delivered in a manner so as to provide at least 24 hours advance notice of the special meeting. Electronic notice, such as e-mail and web publishing, shall be deemed an acceptable form of notice, unless a director declines in writing to receive electronic notice. Unless specified otherwise, any notice hereinafter called for in these by-laws shall be given as specified in this section. No notice of any meeting need be given any director who attends such meeting unless such director attending at the beginning of such meeting states an objection to the place and time of the meeting, to the manner in which it has been called or convened, or to the transaction of business. No notice shall be required to be given any director who at any time before or after the meeting waives notice of the meeting in writing.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the directors at a meeting duly assembled shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Unless otherwise specifically required by statute or by these by-laws, the act of a majority of such directors present at a meeting at which a

quorum is present shall be the act of the Authority, and if at any meeting of the Authority there shall be less than a quorum, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting without further notice, until a quorum shall have been obtained.

Section 6. Parliamentary Procedures. The board of directors shall adopt its rules of procedure and order of business consistent with the provisions of these bylaws and shall provide for keeping a journal of its proceedings, which shall be a public record.

Section 7. Nominations of Members. Prior to the expiration of the term of any director of the Authority, the Chairman shall direct those candidates qualified to serve as a director to submit an application for city appointment to the Mayor and Council of the City of McDonough. The Mayor and Council may accept or reject any nominee and may nominate a qualified individual(s) if they choose to do so.

## ARTICLE II

### OFFICERS

Section 1. Number. The directors shall elect from one of their number a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer may be, but need not be, a director.

Section 2. Election. The Authority shall hold a meeting every other year on the date of the first regular meeting in January for the purpose of electing new officers, unless such elections are called during a Special Meeting. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be as outlined in Article I of these By-Laws.

Section 3. Term and Removal. All officers shall be elected by and serve at the discretion of the Mayor and Council and any officer may be removed from office, either with or without cause, at any time, by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors of the Authority then in office, or by vote of the Mayor and Council. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by a person who meets the qualifications of a director under Section (a) of the Downtown Development Authority Law of 1981 (O.C.G.A. §36-42-7(a)) and is nominated and appointed by Mayor and Council for the unexpected portion of the term. Resignation shall be submitted in writing to the Chairman.

Section 4. Powers. The powers and duties of the officers shall be as provided from time to time by resolution or other directive of the directors, or as prescribed by Mayor and Council. In the absence of such provisions, respective officers shall have the powers and shall discharge the duties customarily and usually held and performed by like officers of authorities similar in organization to this Authority.

Chairman. The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority and shall have general and active management of the business of the Authority and shall see that all resolutions of the Authority are carried into effect. He/she shall be ex officio member of all committees, unless otherwise provided in the resolution appointing the

same. The Chairman shall call meetings of the directors and shall act as Chairman of such meetings. A director that is also an elected member of the governing body of the municipal corporation may not serve as Chairman.

Vice-Chairman. In the event of the unavailability, disability, or death of the Chairman or at the Chairman's request or when specifically authorized by the Authority, the Vice-Chairman shall have the powers and perform the duties of the Chairman. The Vice-Chairman shall also have such powers and perform such duties as are specifically imposed upon him/her by law and as may be assigned to him/her by the Authority or the Chairman. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall call meetings of the directors and shall act as Chairman of such meetings.

Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall attend all sessions of the directors and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings in books to be kept for that purpose, and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, any notice required to be given of any meetings of the directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Authority or the Chairman. The Secretary/Treasurer, if a non-member, shall attend meetings for the purpose of recording the minutes of such meetings, but shall not have any of the powers, rights, or duties of directors.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all funds, securities, receipts and disbursements of the Authority, and shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in the name of the Authority, all monies or other valuable effects, in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall, from time to time, be selected by the Authority; he/she shall render to the Chairman and to the directors, whenever requested, an account of the financial condition of the Authority; and in general, he/she shall perform all the duties incident to the office of a Treasurer of a Corporation, and such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the directors, or the Chairman.

## ARTICLE III

### FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. Time. The fiscal year of the Authority shall begin on the first day of July of each year and end on the last day of June of each year.

Section 2. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the Authority shall be held during the month of January. Notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be as outlined in Article I of these By-Laws.

Section 3. Annual Audit. The Treasurer shall cause an annual audit of the books of the Authority to be made by the firm which audits the books of the City of McDonough and present such audit to the directors of the Authority. A copy of the audit shall be filed with the State Auditor, if necessary, to comply with Local Government Financial Standards Act (Georgia Laws, 1980, p. 1738).

## ARTICLE IV

### CORPORATE SEAL

Section 1. Seal. The Seal of the Authority shall consist of an impression bearing the name "Downtown Development Authority of the City of McDonough" around the perimeter and the word "SEAL" and the year of activation in the center thereof. In lieu thereof, the Authority may use an impression or writing bearing the word "SEAL" enclosed in parentheses or scroll, which shall also be deemed the seal of the Authority.

## ARTICLE V

### DEPOSITORIES

Section 1. Depositories. The Authority shall from time to time provide by resolution or resolutions for the establishment of depositories for funds of the Authority.

Section 2. Execution of Notes, Drafts and Checks. All drafts, checks, etc. drawn against accounts of the Authority shall be signed by the Chairman together with the Secretary/Treasurer.

## ARTICLE VI

### AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments. The by-laws of the Authority shall be subject to alteration, amendment, or repeal, and new by-laws not inconsistent with any laws of the State of Georgia creating this Authority may be made by affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then holding office at any regular or special meeting of the directors. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to all directors of the Authority ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which such amendment will be considered. If such written proposed amendment is submitted by mail, it shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail properly addressed and with sufficient postage thereon.

## ARTICLE VII

### COMMUNICATIONS

Section 1. Communications.

Information regarding the business of the Authority may be distributed to its directors and officers electronically via e-mail. Any director who elects not to receive information through e-mail shall be provided information through other methods, such as courier delivery or postal service.

## ARTICLE VIII

### ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws of the Downtown Development Authority of the City of McDonough were adopted by vote of the Board of Directors on December 18, 2013 and became effective on said date.

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Date

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Chairman

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Date

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Vice-Chairman

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Date

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Secretary/Treasurer