



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Ordinance amending the Pinellas County Code, Chapter 2, Section 441 - Pinellas County Economic Development Council, repealing ordinance establishing Pinellas County Economic Development Council.

Recommended Action:

Ordinance of the Pinellas County Code, amending Chapter 2, Section 441 - Pinellas County Economic Development Council (PCEDC), repealing ordinance establishing Pinellas County Economic Development Council.

- Repealing this ordinance will remedy the administrative burden of electing and maintaining a board comprised of one hundred members.
- Repealing this ordinance in the best interest of Pinellas County to dissolve the current PCEDC and instead establish a more viable committee through other means.
- The new committee's purpose would be a fact-finding committee that would provide insight/industry perspective; however, they would not have any approval power over policy.
- The new committee will benefit the growth and economic development of Pinellas County and it is important that there is a continued method for receiving such valuable information.

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

This ordinance will provide for the dissolve the current Pinellas County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) and will establish a more viable committee through other means.

Background Information:

July 1, 1998, the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Economic Development Council ("Economic Development Council") was established to help promote agriculture, tourism, urban development, historic preservation, education, and health care industries, among others, throughout Pinellas County. The Economic Development Council was dissolved and re-established as the Pinellas County Economic Development Council ("PCEDC") in 2003 with a membership comprised of one hundred (100) members representing local businesses, business organizations, business trade associations and the Board of County Commissioners. Over time, the ineffectiveness electing and maintaining a board comprised of one hundred (100) members became more cumbersome than the benefits gained from holding the meetings, resulting in an extended suspension of all PCEDC meetings. It is in the best interest of Pinellas County to dissolve the current PCEDC and instead establish a more viable committee through other means.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no Fiscal impact to the County

Staff Member Responsible:

Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Director, Economic Development

Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Ordinance