

**An Ordinance to Establish the Mount Vernon Economic Development Task Force**  
*(Amended 3/26/2025)*

**Section 1: Title**

This ordinance shall be known as the "Mount Vernon Economic Development Task Force Establishment Ordinance."

**Section 2: Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish the Mount Vernon Economic Development Task Force (MV-EDTF), aimed at promoting economic growth, creating job opportunities, attracting and retaining businesses, and improving the overall economic quality of life in the City of Mount Vernon.

**Section 3: Definitions**

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- "Task Force": Refers to the Mount Vernon Economic Development Task Force.
- "Member": An appointed individual serving on the Task Force.

**Section 4: Composition**

The Task Force shall consist of the following members, with staggered terms to ensure continuity:

1. Two members of the City Council, appointed by the City Council for terms of two years; one member's term will expire on even years, and the other on odd years.
2. The Mayor or a designated representative, appointed by the Mayor for a term of two years.
3. One Board Member of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the City Council for a term of three years.
4. Four business leaders from the Mount Vernon business community, with two appointed by the Mayor for terms of three years, one of whom must be an owner of a manufacturing or industrial business. The remaining two business leaders will be appointed by the City Council for terms of two years each.
5. Two representatives from local educational institutions or workforce development organizations, appointed by the Mayor for terms of two years.
6. One representative from a local non-profit organization with economic development expertise, appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years.
7. Three residents of the City of Mount Vernon, with two appointed by the Mayor for a term of three years; one member's term will expire on even years, and the other on odd years, and one appointed by the City Council for a term of two years.
8. The Director of the Urban Renewal Agency (URA) or their designated representative.
9. The City Comptroller or their designated representative.

The initial appointments may be of shorter duration to establish a staggered schedule. Thereafter, appointments shall be for the full term as specified or until successors are appointed.

### **Section 5: Responsibilities**

The Task Force shall:

1. Advise the City Council on economic development policies and strategies.
2. Develop and recommend a strategic plan for economic development.
3. Foster partnerships with local businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations.
4. Promote business development and retention.
5. Identify and recommend potential funding sources for economic development projects.
6. Provide an annual report to the City Council on its activities and progress.

### **Section 6: Meetings**

The Task Force shall meet at least quarterly or as needed. Meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with local government transparency guidelines.

### **Section 7: Duration**

The Task Force shall exist for a period of 5 years from the date of its establishment, after which its continuation will be reviewed by the City Council.

### **Section 8: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval.

**Section 9: Severability** If any part of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.