

ORDINANCE NO

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT,
CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 2.35 TO THE CITY OF BEAUMONT
MUNICIPAL CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEAUMONT,
RIVERSIDE COUNTY STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CEOA. The City Council finds that the actions contemplated by this Ordinance are exempt from the California Environment Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15060 (c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 1560(c)(3) (the activity is not project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

SECTION 2 Severability. The City Council hereby declares that if any provision, section, paragraph, sentence, or word of this Ordinance is rendered or declared to be invalid or unconstitutional by any final court action in a court of competent jurisdiction, or by reason of any preemptive legislation, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, paragraphs, sentences or words of this Ordinance, and to this end the provisions, of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion thereof and intends that the invalid portions should be severed and the balance of the Ordinance enforced.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby amends Chapter 2.35 to the City of Beaumont as follows:

Chapter 2.35

"Financial and Audit Committee"

Sections:

- 2.35.010 Purpose and Intent.
- 2.35.020 Definitions.
- 2.35.030 Creation of Committee.
- 2.35.040 Appointment and Qualifications of Committee Members.
- 2.35.050 Term and Tenure of Members.
- 2.35.060 Powers and Duties.
- 2.35.070 Rules and Regulations.

2.35.010 **Purpose and Intent.** The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a Financial and Audit Committee. The Financial and Audit Committee shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and work to promote enhanced fiscal responsibility, accountability, integrity, transparency, and to recommend fiscal and investment policies for City Council consideration.

2.35.020 **Definitions.**

- (A) "**City**" shall mean the City of Beaumont;
- (B) "**Code**" shall mean the City of Beaumont Municipal Code;
- (C) "**Committee**" shall mean the Financial and Audit Committee as established herein.

2.35.030 **Creation of Committee.** There is hereby created a Financial and Audit Committee. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members.

2.35.040 **Appointment and Qualification of Committee Members.** The City Council shall appoint the members of the Committee. Committee members shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall consist of at least two (2) members of the City Council, the City Treasurer, the City Manager or his or her designee as the highest-ranking financial staff member of the City, and three (3) residents of the City of Beaumont. The seventh committee member shall either be a City resident and/or he or she must own a business operating within the City. The City Manager and his or her designee as the highest-ranking financial staff position shall be on the Committee as non-voting members. There will be six voting members. The City Manager or his or her designee as the highest-ranking financial staff member of the City shall be included as a majority of the body for purposes of a quorum. Any Committee member may be removed from the Committee after three consecutive unexcused absences from meetings and a majority vote of the Committee.

2.35.050. **Term and Tenure of Members.** All members of the Committee shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council. Members shall serve without compensation.

2.35.060. **Powers and Duties.** The Committee shall be advisory to the City Council. The Committee shall hold public meetings at least quarterly. The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding:

- (A) City investment policies and practices;
- (B) Long term financial planning;
- (C) Draft annual comprehensive financial report
- (D) Such other matters as the City Council may request from time to time

2.35.070 **Rules and Regulations.** The Committee shall appoint a chair, who shall conduct Committee meetings and report quarterly to the City Council on Committee activities and recommendations. The Committee shall adopt such rules and regulations as are

needed to conduct its meetings and shall comply with the Brown Act and other applicable laws.

SECTION 4. Effective Date and Publication. The Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this Ordinance and cause the same or a summary thereof to be published within 15 days after adoption in accordance with Government Code Section 36937.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, approves this amendment to the City Code.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time and ordered posted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, California, held on the 17th day of January, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN