

ABG149

ORDINANCE NUMBER 274

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BESSEMER BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER, WHICH NEW CHAPTER SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS CHAPTER 53 OF SAID CODE.

CHAPTER 53: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

5.301: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ESTABLISHMENT

A downtown Development Authority and a Downtown Development District, pursuant to Act 197 of the Public Acts of 1975, State of Michigan, being MCLA 125.1651, et al, is hereby established.

## 5.302: MEMBERS, TERM APPOINTMENT

In accordance with Section 4 of Act 197, Public Acts of 1975, the Downtown Development Authority shall consist of nine (9) members to be appointed by the Mayor, one of which will be the Mayor, whose term will coincide with his term as Mayor. The eight other members, exclusive of the Mayor, shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Members of the first Board shall be effective until confirmed by the Common Council. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for any actual and necessary expenditures. The Chairman of the Board shall be elected by the Board. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district, and not less than one of the Members shall be a resident of the downtown district.

## 5.303: POWERS AND DUTIES

The Downtown Development Authority shall have all the powers and duties vested or permitted to be vested in Downtown Development Authorities by Act 197, Public Acts of 1975 for the State of Michigan, as heretofore or hereafter amended, it being the intention of this Chapter and duties vested or permitted by law, subject to applicable superintending control by the Common Council of the City of Bessemer.

## 5.304: EMPLOYEES

The Downtown Development Authority shall select and appoint such employees as it shall deem necessary for the property exercise of its powers, functions and duties in accordance with Act 197, Public Acts of 1975.

## 5.305: TAXING POWER, RATE

In addition to other financing as may be permitted under the Act, the Downtown Development Authority may levy an ad valorem tax on the real and tangible personal property not exempt by law and as finally equalized in the Downtown Development District, with the exception of any one or two family dwellings within the District. The tax shall not be more than two (2) mills. The tax shall be collected as provided in Act 197, Public Acts of 1975.

## 5.306: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The Downtown Development District will include all of the land described as follows:

- Lots 1 through 88, Mill Site Addition
- Lots 1 through 13, Block 1, Original Plat
- Lots 7 through 10, Block 2, Original Plat
- Lots 7 and 8, Block 3, Original Plat
- Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, Original Plat
- Lots 1 and 2 and 13 and 14, Block 5, Original Plat
- Lots 1 through 10 and Lots 15, 16, and 17, Block 6, Original Plat
- Lots 8 through 16, Block 4, Hibbing Addition
- Lots 8 through 14, Block 5, Hibbing Addition
- Lots 13 and 14, Block 12, Hibbing Addition

Unplatted land along the South Side of US-2 from Sophie Street to Eastern limits of City of Bessemer which includes the abandoned Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Right-of-way.

Adopted and approved by the Common Council of the City of Bessemer, this 4th day of May, 1987.

  
Joseph C. Bonovetz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bruce W. Carlson, City Clerk/Manager