

## ORDINANCE

TO AMEND CHAPTER 23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY DELETING ARTICLE IV. SECTIONS 23-46 THROUGH 23-48 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUING IN THEIR PLACE NEW SECTIONS 23-46 THROUGH 23-49, CREATING A COMMISSION ENTITLED “CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION” AND DESCRIBING ITS MEMBERSHIP, MISSION, POWERS AND DUTIES, AND ORGANIZATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CHARLESTON, IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

**Section 1.** The title “Article IV. – CENTRAL BUISINESS DISTRICT REVITALIZATION COMMISSION” is hereby amended by deleting the title in its entirety and substituting in its place the new title “Article IV – CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.”

**Section 2.** Section 23-46 of the Code of the City of Charleston is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in its place as follows:

“Sec. 23-46.- Central business district improvement commission established.

There is hereby established a central business district improvement commission.”

**Section 3.** Section 23-47 of the Code of the City of Charleston titled “Composition, terms” is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in its place as follows:

“Sec. 23-47. - Composition; terms.

(a) *Membership.* The Commission shall consist of nine (9) voting members, one (1) of whom shall be the Mayor; two (2) members of City Council who represent a district or portion thereof in the Central Business District appointed by the Mayor; the remaining members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and be representative of the following constituencies of the Central Business District: two (2) hospitality industry, one (1) merchant, one (1) property owner, one (1) peninsula resident, and one (1) non peninsula resident, all subject to approval by City Council. The Mayor shall also appoint the Chairperson of the Commission.

(b) *Terms of Office.* The Mayor shall be a permanent member of the Commission. All other members of the Commission shall serve for terms of one (1) year or until their successors have been appointed and qualified. This Commission will dissolve after two (2) years of service or the creation of a Business Improvement District, whichever occurs first.”

**Section 4.** Section 23-47 [sic] of the Code of the City of Charleston titled “Duties and powers” is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in its place with a new section number, Sec. 23-48, as follows:

“Sec. 23-48. – Definition of Central Business District; Mission; Powers and Duties.

(a) *Definition of Central Business District.* The Central Business District shall consist of the area identified in the map attached hereto, entitled “City of Charleston Central Business District, dated 7.1.2020,” which will be reviewed from time to time by City Council. A copy of the map shall be made available to the public online at the website for the Business and Neighborhood Services Division of the Department of Planning, Preservation, and Sustainability.

(b) *Mission.* The Central Business District Improvement Commission shall work to assure the long-term economic vitality of the King Street and surrounding commercial area, also known as the Central Business District. The Commission will consider and recommend policy and program changes to City Council that will balance the local economy with tourism needs and create a vibrant hub for commerce.

(c) *Powers and Duties.* The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(i) Study and recommend financial and organizational techniques, such as business improvement districts, to effectuate the continued health and vitality of Central Business District by the joint efforts of public and private entities;

(ii) Evaluate and implement early action improvements for the Central Business District as identified by the Commission and the Business and Neighborhood Services Division of the Department of Planning, Preservation, and Sustainability, especially in the areas of public safety, cleanliness, beautification, and occupancy;

(iii) Study and recommend methods to incubate, launch, recruit and sustain businesses in the Central Business District, paying special attention to small, local, and minority and women-owned businesses; and,

(iv) Consult with subject matter experts to guide and inform the Commission’s recommendations.”

**Section 5.** Section 23-48 of the Code of the City of Charleston titled “Administrative support” is hereby amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting in its place with a new section number, Sec. 23-49, as follows:

“Sec. 28-49. – Organization.

(a) *Meetings.* The Chairperson shall establish a regular time and place of meetings. For purposes of Commission action, a quorum of the Central Business District Improvement Commission shall consist of a simple majority of those currently appointed.

(b) *Records.* The Commission shall keep a written record of its proceedings and file the record with the Clerk of Council after the completion of any meeting.

(c) *Organized.* The Commission shall be supported by city staff from the Business and Neighborhood Services Division of the Department of Planning, Preservation, and Sustainability.

(d) *Rules.* The Commission shall make and alter rules governing its organization and procedures that are not inconsistent with any city ordinance or Roberts Rules of Order. “

**Section 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon ratification.

Ratified in City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the Year of Our Lord, 2020,  
and in the \_\_\_\_th Year of the Independence  
of the United States of America.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John J. Tecklenburg  
Mayor, City of Charleston

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vanessa Turner-Maybank  
Clerk of Council