

**Sec. 2-465 – 2.472. Reserved.**

**DIVISION 5. - AURORA FOXWALK OVERLAY DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Sec. 2.473. - Created.**

There is created the Aurora FoxWalk Overlay District Design Review Committee, herein after referred to as the “Design Review Committee”.

(Ord. No. O87-5641, § 1, 3-17-87)

**Sec. 2.474. – Purpose.**

The Design Review Committee shall guide the revitalization of downtown Aurora by providing a flexible framework that melds private and public sector efforts under a unifying design concept, respecting Aurora’s significant architectural history, ensuring that new development projects meet the highest design, imagination, and execution, and recognize that the Fox River is the downtown’s greatest asset by guiding development of the FoxWalk public walkway per the approved Master Plan.

**Sec. 2.475. - Membership.**

The Design Review Committee shall be comprised of:

- (1) The Zoning and Planning Director and/or designee of the City as an *ex officio* member; nine (9) general members to include one chairman, all to be appointed by the Mayor and subject to approval of the City Council.
- (2) The general members shall at all times include one (1) representative from each of the following five (5) entities: Aurora Downtown, Aurora Public Art Commission, Bicycle, Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Board, Fox Valley Park District Historic Preservation, and four (4) members to be appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of City Council.
- (3) All general members appointed shall be residents of the city or shall be owners of property within the FoxWalk Overlay District, or executive or managerial employees of businesses in the Foxwalk Overlay District.
- (4) City of Aurora elected officials shall not be appointed as members of the Commission during their time in office.
- (5) With the exception of the *ex officio* member, City of Aurora staff shall not be appointed as members of the Commission during their time of employment with the city.

**Sec. 2-476. - Chairman.**

The chairman of the Design Review Committee shall be appointed by the Mayor for a term of one (1) year or until his/her successor has been duly appointed.

**Sec. 2-477. – Terms of members.**

The nine (9) general members of the Design Review Committee shall be appointed for the following terms: Three (3) members, including the chairman, for a term of one (1) year, three (3) members for a term of two (2) years and three (3) members for a term of three (3) years from the time of their appointments and each and every year thereafter.

(Ord. No. O87-5641, § 1, 3-17-87; Ord. No. O94-046, § 1, 5-17-94)

**Sec. 2-478. - Successors.**

All persons appointed as members of the Design Review Committee shall serve in their official capacities, respectively, until their successors have been appointed and qualified as provided in this article.

(Ord. No. O87-5641, § 3, 3-17-87)

**Sec. 2-479. Vacancies in Office.**

In the event of the death, resignation, removal, or incapacity of any member of the Design Review Committee, or if a vacancy occurs for any reason, a member shall be appointed by the Mayor subject to approval of the City Council to hold the office for the duration of the unexpired term. Any general member may be removed for cause by the Mayor, subject to approval of the City Council.

(Ord. No. O87-5641, § 3, 3-17-87)

**Sec. 2-480. Executive Secretary, *Ex Officio* Member.**

The Zoning and Planning Director and /or designee shall be considered an *ex officio* member with non-voting authority on all issues, and shall be the executive secretary of the Design Review Committee. The executive secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of all meetings of the Design Review Committee, and keep the same in his or her custody and control. The Zoning and Planning Director and staff shall provide support to the Design Review Committee as needed.

**Sec. 2-481. - Functions.**

The Design Review Committee shall:

- (1) Promote and guide redevelopment of the downtown while protecting its character as a historic center city; and
- (2) Reviews changes to building exteriors and sites in the district using the FoxWalk Overlay District Design Guidelines; and
- (3) Promote, encourage and guide the development and use of the Riverwalk, while maximizing awareness of the Fox River's potential as the City's greatest natural asset, and
- (4) Advance implementation of the Revised FoxWalk/Riverwalk Master Plan, Aurora Riverfront Vision Plan, and Downtown Master Plan; and
- (5) Establish a pedestrian friendly, commercially-viable destination district; and
- (6) Honoring Aurora's architectural history while encouraging innovative and imaginative redevelopment projects; and

- (7) Collaborate among developers, citizen volunteers, elected officials, Aurora Downtown, and staff to guide restoration projects and new developments that reflect the highest standards of design and execution.

(Ord. No. O87-5641, § 5, 3-17-87; Ord. No. O99-96, § 3, 11-9-99)

**Sec. 2-482. - Meetings.**

Meetings of the Design Review Committee shall comply with the Open Meetings Act, shall be held at regularly scheduled times and at the call of the chairman and by a properly posted agenda. Special Meetings may be called at any time by the chairman or any member that submits a request in writing to the chairman, and shall be held after the proper posting of an agenda in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. All meetings shall be conducted pursuant to applicable state and local requirements.

(Ord. No. O87-5641, § 6, 3-17-87)

**Secs. 2-483 – Quorum.**

Five (5) members of the Design Review Committee shall constitute a quorum. No business of the Design Review Committee shall transpire without a meeting that has a quorum present.

**Sec. 2-484. - Attendance.**

All members shall attend the meetings of the Design Review Committee. If a member is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings, it may be considered a voluntary resignation of office. A majority vote of the Design Review Committee members present at a properly posted meeting may declare the position vacant and request that the Mayor appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

**Sec. 2-485. – By-laws/Rules and Regulations.**

The Design Review Committee shall adopt and promulgate its own by-laws and any other rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to govern its structure and operations, as well as the conduct of its meetings and the business to be performed, subject to approval by the City Council.