

Republic Municipal Code – Chapter 2.16 - JOINT CITY OF REPUBLIC-FERRY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Sections:

2.16.010 - Statutory authority.

A. RCW 35.82.030 provides in part:

In each city and in each county of the state there is created a public body corporate and politic to be known as the housing authority of the city or county; provided, however, that such authority shall not transact any business or exercise its powers hereunder until or unless the governing body of the city and county, as the case may be, by proper resolution shall declare at any time hereafter that there is need for an authority to function in such city or county. The determination as to whether or not there is such need for an authority to function: (1) May be made by the governing body on its own motion; or (2) Shall be made by the governing body upon the filing of a petition signed by twenty-five (25) residents of the city or county, as the case may be, asserting that there is a need for an authority to function in such city or county and requesting that the governing body so declare.

B. RCW 35.82.300 (1) provides:

Joint city-county housing authorities are authorized when the legislative authority of the county and the legislative authority of any city or cities within the county have authorized such joint city-county housing authorities by ordinance.

(Ord. 90-7 § 1)

2.16.020 - Findings.

Ferry County finds, through its respective governing body, that:

- A. Unsanitary or unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the unincorporated part of Ferry County; and
- B. There is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the unincorporated part of Ferry County, available to persons of low income at rentals that they can afford; and
- C. There is a shortage of safe or sanitary dwellings, apartments, mobile home parks or other living accommodations available for senior citizens.

(Ord. 90-7 § 2)

2.16.030 - Ordained.

It is ordained, based on the above statutory authority and findings that:

- A. In that there is a need for a joint housing authority to function in the city and unincorporated part of Ferry County, the Joint City of Republic-Ferry County Housing Authority is created.

B.

1. Number of Commissioners. The Joint City of Republic-Ferry County Housing Authority shall have five commissioners, two residing in the city, and three residing in the unincorporated part of Ferry County, making a total of five commissioners.

2. Appointment. The Ferry County board of commissioners shall appoint the three housing authority commissioners from the unincorporated part of Ferry County. The city council shall appoint the two housing authority commissioners from the city.

3. Terms. The first, second and third reappointee shall serve terms of one, three and five years respectively from the dates of their original appointments, but thereafter commissioners shall be appointed as aforesaid for a term of office of five years except that all vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. No commissioner of an authority may be an officer or employee of the county or city for which the authority is created. A commissioner shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and has qualified unless sooner removed according to this chapter. A certificate of the appointment or reappointment of any commissioner shall be filed with the clerk and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the due and proper appointment of such commissioner. A commissioner

shall receive no compensation for his or her services for the authority, in any capacity, but he or she shall be entitled to the necessary expenses, including traveling expenses, incurred in the discharge of his or her duties.

4. Quorum and Officers. The powers of each authority shall be vested in the commissioners thereof in office from time to time. Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum of the authority for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes. Action may be taken by the authority upon a vote of a majority of the commissioners present. The governing body of the county shall designate which of the commissioners appointed shall be the first chairperson and he or she shall serve in the capacity of chairperson until the expiration of his or her term of office as commissioner. When the office of the chairperson of the authority thereafter becomes vacant, the authority shall select a chairperson from among its commissioners. An authority shall select from among its commissioners a vice chairperson and it may employ a secretary (who shall be executive director), technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and shall determine their qualifications, duties and compensation. Replacement commissioners from the unincorporated part of Ferry County shall be appointed from residents of the unincorporated part of Ferry County. Likewise, replacement commissioners from the city of Republic shall be appointed from residents of the city of Republic. For such legal services as it may require, an authority may call upon the chief law officer of the city or the county or may delegate to one or more of its agents or employees such powers or duties as it may deem proper.

5. Removal. For inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct in office, a commissioner of an authority from the unincorporated part of Ferry County may be removed by the governing body of such county, but a commissioner shall be removed only after he or she shall have been given a copy of the charges at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing thereon and had an opportunity to be heard in person by counsel. In the event of the removal of any commissioner, a record of the proceedings together with the charges and findings thereon, shall be filed in the office of the clerk.

For inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct in office, a commissioner of an authority from the city of Republic may be removed by the mayor, but a commissioner shall be removed only after he or she shall have been given a copy of the charges at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing thereon and had an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel. In the event of the removal of any commissioner, a record of the proceedings, together with the charges and findings thereon, shall be filed in the office of the clerk.

- C. The costs for operation of the Joint City of Republic-Ferry County Housing Authority shall be allocated as follows:
1. The city and Ferry County shall pay operating costs with two-fifths paid by the city and three-fifths paid by Ferry County. Operating costs are defined to include but not be limited to mileage, lodging and meals for commissioners; office supplies; office equipment; advertising.
  2. The city of Republic and Ferry County shall each pay for nonoperating costs that arise from housing authority actions as to property within their respective boundaries.
- D. The Joint City of Republic-Ferry County Housing Authority shall have all the powers stated in RCW Ch. 35.82, particularly those powers stated in RCW 35.82.070, except as provided in RCW 35.82.240 and 35.82.260.
- E. The Joint City of Republic-Ferry County Housing Authority shall have an area of operation for all of Ferry County, including the incorporated area within the city.

(Amended during 2001 codification; Ord. 92-1 § 2; Ord. 90-7)