

TOWN OF GLOCESTER
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
CODE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Gloucester Home Rule Charter that a Public Hearing will be held in the Town Council Chambers of the Gloucester Town Hall, 1145 Putnam Pike, Gloucester RI on March 21, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a proposed amendment to the Gloucester Code of Ordinance as follows:

Part 2: Boards, Commissions, Committees and Positions
Chapter 78, Economic Development Commission
Creation of Commission

Availability of Information

The proposal is available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and on the Towns website at <http://www.glocesterri.org>

The proposal may be altered prior to the close of the Public Hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of the views expressed at the Public Hearing.

All persons interested in the above are respectfully requested to be present at the time and place noted above. The Gloucester Town Hall is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk at (401) 568-6206 not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing date. Hearing devices are available without notice. TDD #401-568-1422.

Per Order of the Gloucester Town Council

Jean Fecteau, CMC, Town Clerk

Code of Ordinance
Part 2: Boards, Commissions, Committees and Positions
Chapter 78. Economic Development Commission

§78-1. Establishment.

As established by the Gloucester Town Council, pursuant to Gloucester Home Rule Charter §C. 13-10, there is hereby established a Gloucester Economic Development Commission.

§78-2. Purpose.

The charge of said Commission shall be as follows:

To Formulate and recommend to the Town Council a comprehensive economic development program to achieve the goals as stated in the Comprehensive Plan entitled "Gloucester 2040" Section VI. Economic Development, Goal - 1. Encourage economic development that aligns with the Town's rural character and also expands and diversifies the Town's tax base

The Gloucester Economic Development Commission will concentrate its efforts on ways to accommodate/attract business to the Town of Gloucester that is conducive to our environment, Comprehensive Plan, and overall character, as well as improving and securing Tourism/Retail opportunities for the Chepachet Historic District. The Commission is encouraged to work with and include input from the Gloucester Business Association and Historic District Commission when presenting proposals to the Town Council. When completed, proposals to implement actions will be submitted to Town Council for approval.

GUIDELINES OF THE GLOUCESTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

GEDC will examine, formulate and recommend economic development programs to the Town Council. These programs should be consistent with the policies stated in Gloucester's 2018 Comprehensive Community Plan:

1. Broaden and diversify the Town's economic base to reduce the residential sector's property tax burden.
2. Encourage the growth of economic activities that have a market focus at the neighborhood or local levels.
3. Recognize, preserve, protect and enhance the historical pattern of Town development by concentrating on properly scaled and designed economic activities in designated, commercially zoned areas.
4. Prevent highway strip development from occurring within the Town.
5. Prevent the negative effects of economic growth, including environmental degradation and dramatic changes to community character, from occurring in the Town.
6. Allow for alternative means of employment opportunities to be available to citizens, such as home occupations that are technology-dependent and which cause no noticeable disruption to the living environment of residential areas.
7. Support tourism initiatives that promote the historical, environmental, aesthetic and cultural

- aspects of the Town particularly in Chepachet Village.
8. Support appropriate regional economic development initiatives that complement the Town's economic development goals.
 9. Support the efforts of the Gloucester Business Association to attract business to the Town.

§78-3. Membership & Term of Office.

The Gloucester Economic Development Commission shall consist of seven (7) voting members & two (2) Ad-Hoc non voting members (**Ad-Hoc members may be non-residents**) for two year terms concurrent with the term of the Town Council.