



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/01/2026

REQUESTER: City Council

PRESENTER: Kathryn Walker, Deputy City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: DISCUSSION ON UPDATING THE ORDINANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

BACKGROUND:

The City Council Business and Community Affairs Committee recently discussed possible changes to the Economic Development Advisory Board (“EDAB”). Changes in composition were discussed to increase membership and ensure ward representation, while maintaining existing expertise requirements for a majority of the membership.

DISCUSSION:

Ordinance O-2627-15 increases the membership of EDAB from 7 to 9 and requires a member be appointed from each Ward, as well as one at-large member. Five of the members must have expertise in economics, business, finance, law, policy analysis, and community development. BACA members expressed a desire to phase the Ward representation in as current terms expire; Section 6 of the Ordinance seeks to ensure that as terms expire for existing appointments, wards that are currently completely unrepresented are prioritized for appointment until each ward is represented and an at-large member is appointed.

Other changes to the ordinance include the addition of the review and recommendation of Economic and Risk analyses related to proposed TIF projects, and updating the reference to the Norman Economic Development Coalition to the Cleveland County Economic Development Coalition to accurately identify the ex-officio representative.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff will be available at BACA on October 1, 2026 to discuss the ordinance further and answer any questions. This ordinance has been tentatively scheduled for discussion by the full Council on October 27, with the goal of placing it on the Council agenda for adoption in November.