

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 02/04/20

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 20-0059

**LOG NAME:** 12CHAPTER2REORG

**SUBJECT**

Adopt the attached ordinance amending the Code of the City of Fort Worth to establish two new departments, the Planning and Data Analytics and the Department of Diversity and Inclusion; rename the Planning and Development Department to the Department of Development Services, confirm the establishment of the Department of Communications and Public Engagement, add the duties and functions for each appointed official and move the duties and functions for each department under the control of the City Manager into Chapter 2, Administration (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending the Code of the City of Fort Worth to establish two new departments, the Planning and Data Analytics and the Department of Diversity and Inclusion; rename the Planning and Development Department to the Department of Development Services, confirm the establishment of the Department of Communications and Public Engagement; add the duties and functions for each appointed official and move the duties and functions for each department under the control of the City Manager into Chapter 2, Administration.

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**DISCUSSION:**

Chapter VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to establish by ordinance such departments, divisions, and offices as it deems necessary for the operation of the City's business (in addition to those departments required by the City Charter) and also authorizes the City Council to discontinue any department or office established by ordinance and to prescribe, combine, consolidate, distribute, or abolish the functions and duties of departments, divisions, or offices.

The City Manager is recommending that the City Council combine the Budget staff and certain Planning staff into a new department, the Department of Planning and Data Analytics; that the remainder of Planning and Development Department be renamed to the Department of Development Services; that the existing Department of Communications and Public Engagement be ratified and that a new department, the Department of Diversity and Inclusion be established.

It is the recommendation of the City Attorney that the City Code also be revised to include the duties of each appointed official and to move the establishment and duties for each department under the control of the City Manager from existing chapters in the Code into Chapter 2, Administration.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of these recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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