

CHAPTER 20
BUSINESS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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20.01 CREATION AND PURPOSE

There is hereby established a Committee which shall be known as the Village of Lake in the Hills Business Relations Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to support the Village's business community by:

- Ensuring the vitality of existing businesses;
- Working with business owners in developing programs and services to retain businesses in the community;
- Providing clear networks of communication between the business community, the Village government and other relevant stakeholders so all entities can work effectively to promote the economic welfare of the Village.

20.02 MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members. The Village President, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, will appoint the members. The term of each member of the Committee shall be three (3) years unless such appointment is to fill an unexpired term. The Village President shall designate one of the Committee members to serve as Chairperson. The position of Chairperson shall be reviewed on an annual bases. In addition to the seven members herein provided, the Village President may appoint two Village Trustees to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Committee.

20.03 MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Members shall have a business interest or reside within the corporate limits of the Village. Members of the Committee shall have experience or expertise in one or more of the following areas:

1. Manufacturing and Industry
2. Financial Services

3. Professional or Technical
4. Retail Sales
5. Real Estate
6. Small Business/Entrepreneurial

20.04 REMOVAL

Any Committee member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Committee meetings without a valid reason, or who fails to attend one half of the total of all Committee meetings scheduled or called during any one (1) year period, may be considered to have abandoned the office and said office may be declared vacant by the Village President.

20.05 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any member of the Committee having a pecuniary or personal interest in any matter coming before the Committee shall disclose such interest to the other members and such interest shall be made a matter of record. Any member having such an interest shall not present or speak upon such matter nor shall he/she vote or in any way attempt to exert any personal influence on such matters, nor shall such member be counted for determination of a quorum for consideration of such matter.

20.06 COMPENSATION

All members of the Committee shall be compensated, as determined from time to time by the Board of Trustees, for attendance at all regular meetings as published at the beginning of each calendar year.

20.07 RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

The Committee shall have the following responsibilities and duties:

1. Ascertain the issues facing the business community and develop recommendations as to how the Village can assist with resolving those issues.
2. Based on the needs of the business community, develop and recommend programs to benefit businesses. Such programs may include assistance with employee training and providing information on financing and grant opportunities.

3. Develop business recognition programs to highlight various businesses in the community.
4. Provide periodic status reports to the Village Board on a regular basis but not less than every three (3) months.
5. Provide recommendations for additional responsibilities and duties that the committee may undertake.

20.08 QUORUM

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of four Committee members. No meeting shall take place without a quorum.

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