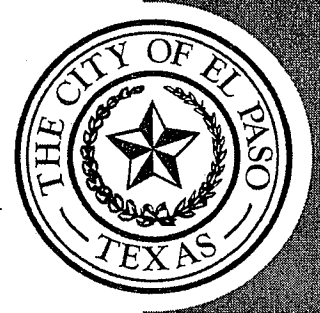


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**DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUESTION FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
(RCA)**



**DEPARTMENT:** City Manager's Office

**AGENDA DATE:** Introduction – September 15, 2009  
Public Hearing – September 22, 2009

**CONTACT PERSON/PHONE:** Leila Melendez, (915) 541-4859

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 8262, Establishing the standing Committee on Border Relations, in its entirety to include additional duties as previously held by the International Bridge Commission; and repealing Ordinances Nos. 9504 and 11188, which had previously amended Ordinance No. 8262.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**

As part of the FY 2010 budget process for the City of El Paso, the Mayor and Council undertook an extensive review of all city boards and commissions and made a series of decisions to sunset and/or merge existing boards with other similar likeness. The International Bridge Commission is sunset and this action transfers its duties to the Committee on Border Relations.

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

N/A

**AMOUNT AND SCOPE OF FUNDING:**

N/A

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

**\*\*\*\*\* REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION \*\*\*\*\***

LEGAL: (if required) \_\_\_\_\_ FINANCE: (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Leila Melendez

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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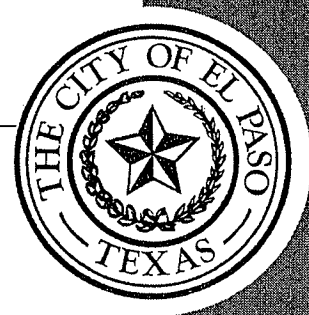
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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8262, ESTABLISHING THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON BORDER RELATIONS, IN ITS ENTIRETY TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES AS PREVIOUSLY HELD BY THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE COMMISSION; AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NOS. 9504 AND 11188, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 8262**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 8262 established the standing Committee on Border Relations, required by the City Charter of the City of El Paso adopted in January of 1984; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 8262 was amended by Ordinances Nos. 9504 and 11188, adopted on October 11, 1988 and October 6, 1992, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance shall serve to amend Ordinance No. 8262 in its entirety and repeal Ordinances Nos. 9504 and 11188, so that all provisions relating to the Committee on Border Relations shall appear in one ordinance, and to add additional duties to the Committee which were previously held and performed by the El Paso International Bridge Commission.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**

**I.**

There is hereby established the Committee on Border Relations, consisting of citizens of the City of El Paso who shall be appointed in the manner provided for herein and in the Charter as it relates to appointments to boards and commissions.

- A. The Committee shall consist of nine regular members. The council shall ensure that these nine regular members represent a broad section of the community including members of business, educational, cultural and civic organizations. All appointments of regular members shall be for two-year terms.
- B. From the effective date of this Ordinance through December 31, 2010, seven special at large members shall additionally serve on the Committee, who shall

be the members sitting on the International Bridge Commission who are not also members of the Committee as of the date of the dissolution of the International Bridge Commission. Such special at large members shall be appointed by resolution of the City Council to serve as such through December 31, 2010. Beginning on January 1, 2011, the membership of the Committee shall return to consisting of the nine regular members who are appointed as provided in subsection A above.

- C. A quorum of the Committee for purposes of the conduct of business shall be five members, regardless of the total number of members, whether regular or a combination of regular and special members.

## II.

The terms of office for each regular member of the Committee on Border Relations shall commence on March 1<sup>st</sup> and shall terminate on the last day of February in every calendar year. The regular members nominated by the Mayor and the Representatives in Districts 2, 3, 6 and 7 shall begin and end in odd numbered years. The regular members nominated by the Representatives in Districts 1, 4, 5 and 8 shall begin and end in even numbered years.

## III.

The Committee shall elect from among its members a Chair and a Vice-Chair, to serve in the absence of the Chair, and it shall adopt, subject to the approval of the City Council, such rules and regulations governing its proceedings, as it may deem proper. Such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the Charter and Ordinances of the City. The City Manager shall designate or authorize a City staff member to act as secretary of the Committee, and shall keep a record of all transactions of the Committee and provide it with necessary information and staff support for the performance of its duties.

IV.

The Committee, working with the Mayor and with interested organizations and individuals in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, shall consider issues and projects affecting the development or relations between the two communities, and the border and in proximity to El Paso, and shall make recommendations to the City Council on programs or projects to enhance and benefit the relations between the two communities. Further, the Committee shall make such other reports and recommendations to the City Council in connection with the program as Council may require.

V.

The Committee shall, with respect to the international bridges that are owned and operated by the City, represent a positive, collective effort to gather information regarding concerns about international bridge safety, aesthetics and commerce from various individuals and organizations including but not limited to civic, consumer, business, public agencies, private agencies and governmental agencies, and shall make recommendations to the City Council regarding such matters as the Council may require.

VI.

That this ordinance shall serve to amend Ordinance No. 8262, adopted on January 29, 1985, in its entirety; and that Ordinances Nos. 9504 and 11188, adopted on October 11, 1988 and October 6, 1992 respectively, shall be repealed in their entirety. The members of the Committee on Border Relations serving on the effective date of this Ordinance shall remain in office and complete their current terms, and there shall be no break in service of the terms of the members due to the adoption of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2009.

(signatures appear on the following page)

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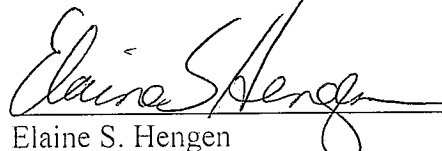
John F. Cook, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Elaine S. Hengen  
Senior Assistant City Attorney