

CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION

2- Sec. 2-131. Sister Cities Board; establishment; powers and duties.

(a) A Sister Cities Board is established to consist of seven (7) members. The members shall be appointed in accordance with Section 2-150 of this code. The members of the board shall be selected and appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council.

(b) The Sister Cities Board shall have the following purposes and goals:

- (1) Develop and promote municipal partnerships between the City of Peoria and other similar jurisdictions in other nations.
- (2) Provide opportunities for City officials and citizens of Peoria to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships.
- (3) Create an atmosphere in which economic and community development between Peoria and other similar jurisdictions can be implemented and strengthened.
- (4) Stimulate environments through which communities will creatively learn, work and solve problems through reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional and technical exchanges and projects.
- (5) Collaborate with organizations in the United States and other countries that share similar goals.

(c) The Sister Cities Board shall:

- (1) Recommend the selection of cities to the City Council for the development of municipal partnerships.
- (2) Recommend to the City Council events, opportunities, programs and projects to develop a community partnership with designated sister cities and to provide a forum for citizens to experience such community partnerships.
- (3) Recommend to the City Council guidelines for reciprocal cultural, educational, municipal, business, professional and technical exchanges and projects with designated sister cities.
- (4) Recommend to the City Council agreements with other governmental and non-governmental organizations to collaborate on promoting cultural understanding and stimulating economic development..
- (5) In addition, the Sister Cities Board shall have such other powers and duties as directed by the City Council.

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(d) The City Council may budget such funds as it deems appropriate for the activities of the Sister Cities Board through the annual appropriations process. Funds received as donations shall be accounted for in accordance with the City's financial policies and procedures and all expenditures in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be approved by the City Manager. All expenditures shall follow the city's procurement policies and procedures..

(e) The city manager may designate a department or staff member of the city to furnish support to the Board, as requested or required.
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