



CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 026-040  
DATE OF PASSAGE June 9, 2026

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 440, regarding the membership of the Fox Walk Overlay District Design Review Committee.

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora has a population of more than 25,000 persons and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, subject to said Section, a home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs for the protection of the public health, safety, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds Aurora Downtown organization no longer exists and that Aurora Downtown District is now a new 503(c)(4) nonprofit providing services to the businesses of downtown Aurora; and that the amendment of Chapter 2, Section 440 will provide clarification of which organization is a member of the review committee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it to be in the best interests of the City to amend Chapter 2, Section 440; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Aurora, Illinois, as follows:

Section One: That Chapter 2, Section 440 of the City of Aurora Code of Ordinances shall be and hereby is amended as set forth in Exhibit A.

Section Two: That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect, and shall be controlling, upon its passage and approval.

Section Three: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Section Four: That any section or provision of this ordinance that is construed to be invalid or void shall not affect the remaining sections or provisions which shall remain in full force and effect thereafter.

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LEGISTAR NO. 26-0330

PASSED AND APPROVED ON: June 9, 2026

AYES 11 NAYS 0 NOT VOTING 0 ABSENT 1

| ALDERMAN                  | Vote   |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Alderman Barreiro, Ward 1 | Yes    |
| Alderwoman Garza, Ward 2  | Yes    |
| Alderman Mesiacos, Ward 3 | Yes    |
| Alderman Núñez, Ward 4    | absent |
| Alderman Franco, Ward 5   | Yes    |
| Alderman Saville, Ward 6  | Yes    |
| Alderman Bañuelos, Ward 7 | Yes    |
| Alderwoman Smith, Ward 8  | Yes    |
| Alderman Bugg, Ward 9     | Yes    |
| Alderwoman Baid, Ward 10  | Yes    |
| Alderman Larson, At-Large | Yes    |
| Alderman White, At-Large  | Yes    |

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk Jennifer Stallings

  
Mayor John Laesch

1 **Sec 2-440 Fox Walk Overlay District Design Review Committee**

2 1. Creation and Purpose. The Foxwalk Design Review Committee is  
3 hereby established to guide the revitalization of downtown  
4 Aurora by providing a flexible framework that melds private  
5 and public sector efforts under a unifying design concept,  
6 respecting Aurora's significant architectural history,  
7 ensuring that new development projects meet the highest  
8 design, imagination, and execution, and recognize that the  
9 Fox River is the downtown's greatest asset by guiding  
10 development of the FoxWalk public walkway per the approved  
11 Master Plan.

12 2. Duties.

13 1. Promote and guide redevelopment of the downtown while  
14 protecting its character as a historic center city; and

15 2. Reviews changes to building exteriors and sites in the  
16 district using the FoxWalk Overlay District Design  
17 Guidelines; and

18 3. Promote, encourage and guide the development and use of  
19 the Riverwalk, while maximizing awareness of the Fox  
20 River's potential as the city's greatest natural asset,  
21 and

22 4. Advance implementation of the Revised FoxWalk/Riverwalk  
23 Master Plan, Aurora Riverfront Vision Plan, and Downtown  
24 Master Plan; and

1           5. Establish a pedestrian friendly, commercially-viable  
2           destination district; and

3           6. Honoring Aurora's architectural history while  
4           encouraging innovative and imaginative redevelopment  
5           projects; and

6           7. Collaborate among developers, citizen volunteers,  
7           elected officials, Aurora Downtown, and staff to guide  
8           restoration projects and new developments that reflect  
9           the highest standards of design and execution.

10        3. Membership.

11           1. The design review committee shall be comprised of: The  
12           zoning and planning director and/or designee of the city  
13           as an ex officio member; and nine (9) other members.

14           2. The general members shall at all times include one (1)  
15           representative from each of the following five (5)  
16           entities: Aurora Downtown District, Aurora Public Art  
17           Commission, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Advisory  
18           Board, Fox Valley Park District, Historic Preservation,  
19           and four (4) members to be appointed by the mayor subject  
20           to the approval of city council.

21           3. All general members appointed shall be residents of the  
22           city or shall be owners of property within the FoxWalk  
23           Overlay District, or executive or managerial employees  
24           of businesses in the Foxwalk Overlay District.

1           4. City elected officials shall not be appointed as members  
2           of the commission during their time in office.

3           5. With the exception of the ex officio member, City staff  
4           shall not be appointed as members of the commission  
5           during their time of employment with the city.

6       4. Executive Secretary, Ex Officio Member. The zoning and  
7       planning director and/or designee shall be considered an ex  
8       officio member with non-voting authority on all issues, and  
9       shall be the executive secretary of the design review  
10      committee. The executive secretary shall record and maintain  
11      the minutes of all meetings of the design review committee,  
12      and keep the same in his or her custody and control. The  
13      zoning and planning director and staff shall provide support  
14      to the design review committee as needed.