

THE AREA OF OPERATION OF THE COUNCIL IS COTERMINOUS WITH THE AREA OF THE REGION.

2-301. POWERS AND DUTIES.

WITHOUT LIMITING OR RESTRICTING THE GENERAL POWERS CONFERRED BY THIS ARTICLE, THE COUNCIL MAY DO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ADOPT AND HAVE A COMMON SEAL, AND ALTER IT AT PLEASURE;

(B) SUE. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL IS IMMUNE FROM BEING SUED;

(C) ADOPT BYLAWS AND MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUSINESS;

(D) MAKE AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES;

(E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, BOPROW MONEY AND APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ADVANCES, LOANS, GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND ANY OTHER FORM OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, OR OTHER PUBLIC BODY, OR FROM ANY SOURCES, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE. ALSO, IT MAY:

(1) GIVE SECURITY AS MAY BE REQUIRED AND ENTER INTO AND CARRY OUT CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS; AND

(2) INCLUDE IN ANY CONTRACT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THOSE CONDITIONS IMPOSED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAWS AS ARE REASONABLE AND APPROPRIATE, AND WHICH ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE;

(F) PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE AND FUNCTIONAL PLAN FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION;

(G) REVIEW ANY APPLICATIONS TO AGENCIES OF THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR LOANS OR GRANTS-IN-AID FOR PROJECTS BY GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN THE REGION;

(H) REVIEW LOCAL PLANS, PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS, AND ORDINANCES HAVING AN IMPACT OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SUBDIVISIONS, AND WITHIN THE REGION;

(I) EMPLOY A DIRECTOR, ENGINEERS, ATTORNEYS, PLANNERS, CONSULTANTS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND PRESCRIBE THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES AND FIX THEIR COMPENSATION;

(J) PREPARE STUDIES OF THE REGION'S RESOURCES WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING AND EMERGING PROBLEMS OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, TRANSPORTATION, POPULATION, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND ANY