



**Office of the City Clerk**  
**BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

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**Commission on Food Security, Heritage, and  
Economy (CFSHE)**

**CREATED BY:**

Ordinance 11266, adopted May 5, 2015  
Ordinance 11599, adopted December 4, 2018  
Ordinance 11649, adopted May 21, 2019  
\*Ordinance 12024, Adopted August 8, 2023

**MEMBERSHIP / QUALIFICATIONS:**

Membership shall consist of 12 members who shall serve without compensation. Members shall be appointed by Mayor and Council from the following nominations:

Two (2) members nominated by Local First Arizona, at least 1 of which represent local restaurants or stores that purchase locally grown foods;

Two (2) members nominated by the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona;

One (1) member nominated by the Pima County Food Alliance;

One (1) member nominated by the Southwest Folklife Alliance/ Tucson Meet Yourself;

One (1) member nominated by Native Seeds/SEARCH;

One (1) member nominated by the Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance;

One (1) member nominated by the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum;

One (1) member nominated by the University Of Arizona College Of Public Health;

One (1) member nominated by the University of Arizona College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; and

**\*Denotes Changes**

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One (1) member nominated by the Pima County Health Department.

Members should be actively engaged in work or have technical expertise in the areas of food access and security; local food heritage; or local food production, distribution, or commercial purchasing/use.

Members must reside or work within the Tucson metropolitan area.

### **FUNCTIONS:**

The CFSHE shall have the following functions and purposes, to the extent that they are consistent with the City's strategic plan:

- (a) Advising the Mayor and Council on matters relating to food security, food heritage, and the food economy.
- (b) Providing a common forum to the member organizations for discussion and coordination of activities.
- (c) Fostering cooperation and efficiency among the member organizations.
- (d) Developing food access, food security, nutrition, and economic development goals and targets; liaison with other U.S. and international communities to identify best practices; recommending strategies to meet those goals and targets; and identifying potential funding or other resources to implement those strategies.
- (e) Promoting ideas, practices, and programs to increase access to healthy foods, increase demand and markets for locally-produced foods, improve local food distribution, reduce food waste, expand composting and other uses of food waste, expand food industry job opportunities, and expand food entrepreneur support.
- (f) Evaluating City policies and regulations for their impact on local food production, food access and security, and nutrition, and making recommendations to improve such policies and regulations.
- (g) At the discretion and express direction of the Mayor and Council, assuming and undertaking such other tasks or duties as would facilitate the goals and objectives of the CFSHE.

### **QUORUM:**

\*Pursuant to Tucson Code, § 10A-140(a) this BCC is designated as "Category 1," for which a majority of the members currently *appointed and serving* shall constitute a quorum.

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**TERMS OF OFFICE:**

Members shall serve for a term of four years and may be re-appointed for up to one additional term of four years, but in no event may any individual serve more than a total of eight continuous years.

**APPLICABILITY OF TUCSON CODE CHAPTER 10A, ARTICLE XIII:**

All provisions of TCC Chapter 10A, Article XIII are applicable. T.C. § 10A-134(c) Appointees, except for advisory members and members of the technical code committees named herein, may not serve on more than two (2) bodies at a time.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:**

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law.

**SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:**

Staff support shall be provided by the Mayor's Office to support the functions of the CFSHE, including maintaining minutes which shall be filed with the City Clerk.

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*Historical Notes:*

*May 5, 2015 – Ordinance 11266, created the Commission*

*December 4, 2018 – Ordinance 11599, amended the Tucson Code, Section 10A-134(c) allowing members to serve on up to two (2) BCC's Simultaneously.*

*May 21, 2019 – Ordinance 11649, amended the Tucson Code Section 10A-251(a) to reduce the CFSHE membership requirements from 17 to 12 members to make it easier to meet quorum.*

*\*August 8, 2023 – Ordinance 12024, amended the Tucson Code Chapter 10A, Article XIII to add a new Tucson code Section 10A-140, defining different quorum requirements for two specified categories of Boards, Committees, or Commissions.*

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