

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-03-020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM RELATING TO LAND USE PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION, AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, State law (RCW 35.63.020) establishes the authority for cities to create a planning commission; and

WHEREAS, the Bellingham Planning Commission was established in the 1970s according to BMC Title 2, Chapter 42; and

WHEREAS, BMC 2.42.020 contains membership requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to update this section to be consistent with state law and current practice.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. BMC Section 2.42.020 is hereby revised as follows:

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION

Chapter 42 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

2.42.020 - MEMBERSHIP

A. The Commission shall consist of seven members all of whom shall serve without compensation. No member of the Commission shall be an elected official of the City or an employee of the City. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The term of each member shall be four years and no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms; provided, however, where the City Council finds it appropriate and in the best interest of the City, the Mayor shall have the authority to extend a member's second term for such period of time beyond the second term as he deems appropriate which in no event shall exceed one year. Present members of the Commission shall continue to serve as members until the expiration of their current terms, as provided in this section prior to this amendment.

B. Any vacancy occurring on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, and the appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. The person filling the unexpired term may be reappointed twice. After a public hearing and with the approval of the City Council, commissioners may be removed by the Mayor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.


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PASSED by the Council this 29th day of March, 2010.

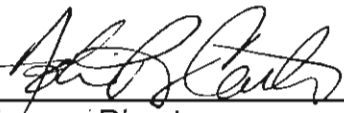


Council President

APPROVED by me this 6th day of April, 2010.

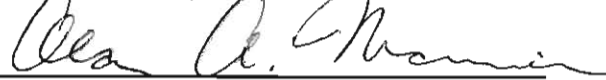


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