



## City of Colusa California

### STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** June 21 2022  
**TO:** City of Colusa Mayor and Council Members  
**FROM:** Jesse Cain, City Manager

#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

Subject: City of Colusa Commission appointments and requirement to reside within the City Limits

**Recommendation:** Listen to City Council to see if they want to change the requirement that all appointed commission members reside within the City limits.

#### **BACKGROUND ANALYSIS:**

I have been approached by members of the public and some council members asking why we allow people to serve on commissions that don't live within the City limits or have a vote for council members.

What I discovered was in 2012 the City Council changed Article III- Planning commission Section-2-12 of the Colusa Municipal Code regarding membership of the planning commission. It was changed to allow at least two members to reside within the County as long as they resided within two miles of the City limits. The reason behind that change was because at that time one member of the Planning Commission was serving and moved outside the City limits and there were things going on in the City that they had been involved. The planning commission is the only City commission where a commissioner is allowed to reside within two miles of the City limits. All other commissions and committees must reside within the city limits.

Since 2012 the city has annexed several parcels into the City expanding the city limits giving several new residents the right to run for public office if they chose. By changing the municipal code to requiring all commissions to live within the city limits it gives our voting citizens a chance to apply for a commission seat and start a potential political career that could end up with them on the City Council.

**BUDGET IMPACT: None**

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION.** Take council direction. If the Council wants to make this recommendation, they would hold the first reading of Ordinance No. \_\_and read it by title only and set it for a second reading.