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1. In the event that either the mayor or a majority of the council determines it is necessary and appropriate to remove a commission member during her or his term, then the branch making such initial decision shall give written notice to the individual and to the other branch of such desire, stating the reasons therefor.

2. The removal or termination shall not become effective until:

- a. The member has an opportunity to respond to the reasons stated, such response to be given in a written form or orally, in the discretion of the member involved; and

- b. The decision, if commenced by action of the mayor, is confirmed by a majority vote of the city council taken in the same manner as provided for confirmation of appointment or, if commenced by action of the city council, the mayor has occurred therein in writing.

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~~D. At least sixty percent of the sitting members shall be residents living within the city limits. Twenty percent of the sitting members may reside outside of the city limits, but must be within a two-mile radius of the city limits and be a utility customer of the city.~~

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(ORD. XXX § X, 2022)

2.28.050 - Powers.

The mayor and council may direct either the planning commission or the planning agency to act as the research and fact finding agency of the municipality for such purposes as may be found appropriate. To that end, it may make such surveys, analyses, researches, and reports as are generally authorized or requested by the mayor and council or by the state, with the approval of

the mayor and the council. The commission or the planning agency, upon such request or authority may also:

- A. Make inquiries, investigations, and surveys concerning the resources of the city and the county;
- B. Assemble and analyze the data thus obtained and formulate plans for the conservation of such resources and the systematic utilization and development thereof;
- C. Make recommendations from time to time as to the best methods of such conservation, utilization, and development;
- D. Cooperate with other commissions or planning agencies and with other public agencies of the municipality, state and United States in such planning, conservation and development;
- E. In particular cooperate with and aid the state within its territorial limits in the preparation of the state master plan provided for in RCW 43.21 ~~490~~ A.350 and in advance planning of public works programs; and
- F. In the event that an application involves review and possible amendments to the comprehensive plan and the zoning code of the city, it shall be the responsibility of the planning commission or planning agency, to whichever the matter has been referred by the mayor and council, to hold such public hearings as may be required and make recommendations to the council: Provided that, in the discretion of the commission or agency, as the case may be, it may hold a joint public hearing on the matters, but shall submit separate recommendations, with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations on each matter.
- G. Exercise such other authority as may from time to time be authorized pursuant to the provisions of RCW 35A.14, RCW 35A.63, or any other applicable statute, subject to such limitations as may be subsequently set forth by the mayor and council.

(Ord. 742 § 8, 2007: Ord. 678 § 3, 2000: Ord. 638 § 2, 1996: Ord. 376 § 5, 1978)

(Ord. No. 757, § I, 4-8-2009; Ord. No. 790, § I, 12-12-2012)

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2.28.060 - Regional planning commission.

A. The commissions of two or more adjacent cities and towns, of one or more cities and towns and/or one or more counties, together with the boards of such counties and the councils of such cities and towns may cooperate to form, organize and administer a regional planning commission for the making of a regional plan for the region defined as may be agreed upon by the commissions, boards and councils. The regional commission when requested by the commissions of its region, may further perform any of the other duties for its region that are specified in [Section 2.28.050](#) for city and county commissions. The number of members of a regional commission, their method of appointment and the proportion of the cost of regional planning, surveys and studies to be borne respectively by the various counties and cities in the region, shall be such as may be agreed upon by commissions, boards and councils.

B. Any regional planning commission, or the councils or boards respectively of any city, town or county, are authorized to receive grants-in-aid from the government of the United States or of any

of its agencies, and are authorized to enter into any reasonable agreement with any department or agency of the government of the United States to arrange for the receipt of federal funds for planning in the interest of furthering the planning program.

(Ord. 376 § 6, 1978)

2.28.070 - Development plans.

The mayor and city council may provide for the preparation by its planning commission or planning agency and the adoption and enforcement of coordinated plans for the physical development of the city. For this purpose, the mayor and council in such measure as is deemed reasonably necessary on the interest of health, safety, morals and the general welfare, upon recommendation by the planning commission or agency, by general ordinance of the city may regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures, and land for residence, trade, industrial, and other purposes; the height, number of stories, size, construction, and design of buildings and other structures; the size of yards, courts and other open spaces on the lot or tract; the density of population, the setback of buildings along highways, parks, or public water frontages; and the subdivision and development of land. The mayor and council, where such ordinances are in effect, may, on the recommendation of the planning agency, make, in appropriate cases and subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards established by ordinance, special exceptions in accordance with the general purposes, intent, and general and specific rules therein contained.

(Ord. 678 § 4, 2000: Ord. 638 § 3, 1996: Ord. 376 § 7, 1978)

2.28.080 - Comprehensive plan.

All regulations shall be worked out as parts of a comprehensive plan which the planning commission or planning agency, as the case may be, shall prepare for the physical and other generally advantageous development of the municipality and shall be designed, among other things, to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the municipality; to lessen traffic congestion and accidents; to secure safety from fire; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to promote a coordinated development of the unbuilt areas; to encourage the formation of neighborhood or community units; to secure an appropriate allotment of land area in new developments for all the requirements of community life; to conserve and restore natural beauty and other natural resources; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage and other public uses and requirements.

(Ord. 678 § 5, 2000: Ord. 638 § 4, 1996: Ord. 376 § 8, 1978)

(Ord. No. 790, § II, 12-12-2012)

2.28.090 - Plan recommendations.

A. The planning commission or the planning agency, as the case may be, may recommend to the mayor and council the plan prepared by it as a whole, or may recommend parts of the plan by successive recommendations; the parts corresponding with geographic or political sections, divisions or subdivisions of the municipality, or with functional subdivisions of the subject matter of the plan. It may also prepare and recommend any amendment or extension thereof or addition thereto.

B. Before the recommendation of the initial plan to the municipality the planning commission or planning agency, as the case may be, shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, giving notice of the time and place by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality.

C. The council, with the concurrence of the mayor, may adopt by resolution or ordinance the plan recommended to it by the planning commission, or any part of the plan, as the comprehensive plan.

D. The original resolution or ordinance of the council, following its signing by the mayor, adopting or embodying such plan or any part thereof or any amendment thereto shall be certified by the clerk-treasurer of the city and filed by him or her. The original of any map or plat referred to or adopted by the resolution or ordinance of the council shall likewise be certified by the clerk-treasurer of the city and filed by him or her. The clerk-treasurer shall keep on file the resolution or ordinance and map or plat.

(Ord. 678 § 6, 2000: Ord. 638 § 5, 1996: Ord. 376 § 9, 1978)

(Ord. No. 790, § III, 12-12-2012)

2.28.100 - Amendments to comprehensive plan.

All amendments to a comprehensive plan shall be adopted, certified, and recorded or filed in the same manner as authorized in RCW 35.63.100 (should this be RCW 35A.63???) for an initial comprehensive plan.

(Ord. 376 § 10, 1978)

2.28.110 - Division of municipality into districts—Authority.

For any or all of such purposes the council and mayor, through the enactment of appropriate ordinances, on recommendation of the planning agency, may divide the municipality or any portion thereof into districts of such size, shape and area, or may establish such official maps, or development plans for the whole or any portion of the municipality as may be deemed best suited to carry out the purposes of this chapter and within such districts it may regulate and restrict the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair or use of buildings, structures, or land.

(Ord. 638 § 6, 1996: Ord. 376 § 11, 1978)

2.28.120 - Amendment to ordinance adopting plan.

A. Any ordinance or resolution adopting any such plan or regulations, or any part thereof, may be amended, supplemented or modified by subsequent ordinance or resolution.

B. Proposed amendments, supplementations or modifications shall first be heard by the planning agency and the decision shall be made and reported by the planning agency within ninety days of the time that the proposed amendments, supplementations, or modifications were made.

C. The council and mayor, pursuant to public hearing, if determined appropriate or required, called by them upon application therefor by any interested party or upon their own order, may affirm, modify, or disaffirm any decision of the planning agency.

(Ord. 638 § 7, 1996: Ord. 376 § 12, 1978)