

TOWN OF SARATOGA
ORDINANCE NO. 879
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 2.16,
SECTION 2.16.010 OF THE TOWN OF SARATOGA
MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE PLANNING
COMMISSION TERM LENGTHS AND TERM LIMITS;
AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Town Council as well as the Mayor of the Town of Saratoga, has determined that in the best interest of its residents that the above mentioned Town Code Section(s) be amended.

WHEREAS, The Town Council as well as the Mayor of the Town of Saratoga, finds it appropriate and necessary to reduce the required term length for appointed members of the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, The Town Council as well as the Mayor of the Town of Saratoga, finds it necessary to stagger the Planning Commission Terms by length.

WHEREAS, The Town Council as well as the Mayor of the Town of Saratoga, finds it necessary to amend the term limits for planning commission members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Saratoga, Carbon County, Wyoming.

SECTION 1: That Title 2, Chapter 2.16, Section 2.16.010 "Established-Term of office" be amended to read:

Section 2.16.010 Established-Term of office

A. A planning commission made up of seven members to be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council for t+terms as set forth below is now created. All 7 members shall be voting members of the board.

B. The terms of the seven members shall be as follows: 4 members to serve 3-year terms and 3 members to serve 2-year terms. Upon the completion of a member's term on the third Monday of December or as soon thereafter as practical, an individual shall be appointed to replace the member whose term has expired. No individual shall serve on the planning commission for more than twelve years whether the terms be spread over time or served continually. The term periods shall be staggered and expire on the following schedule:

Seat 1: 2 year term ending 2026

Seat 2: 2 year term ending 2027

Seat 3: 2 year term ending 2027

Seat 4: 3 year term ending 2026

Seat 5: 3 year term ending 2027

Seat 6: 3 year term ending 2028

Seat 7: 3 year term ending 2026

C. In the event a member shall not be able to serve on the commission for any reason whatsoever, the mayor shall appoint a person to replace him or her to serve out such retiring member's term.

D. Up to two members at any given time may reside within a mile of the municipal town boundaries. All other siting members must reside within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Saratoga.

SECTION 2: CONFORMANCE

Upon adoption of this ordinance the Town Council shall take action to confirm the seat of existing members in order to comply with This ordinance.

SECTION 2: REPEALED

All other prior Ordinances or Parts Thereof that are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This ordinance replaces section 2.16.010 in its entirety.

SECTION 3: METHODOLOGY

For purposes of clarifying the amending procedures all code sections are listed in full in the above sections.

SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, or its application to any Person or circumstances is held invalid, the remaining portion of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect, and the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED ON FIRST READING on the 4th day of February 2025.

PASSED ON SECOND READING on the 18th day of February 2025.

PASSED, AND ADOPTED ON THIRD READING on the _day of February 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jennifer Anderson, Town Clerk

Chuck Davis, Mayor