

REQUEST FOR PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

Meeting Date: January 15, 2025

Subject: TMC 2.30.110 Membership of the planning commission amendment

Attachments: TMC 2.30.110 Draft code amendment

Presented by: Andrew Hattori, CED Director

Approved For Agenda By: Andrew Hattori, CED Director

Discussion:

Previous planning commission bodies encountered issues with reliability in attendance and ultimately forming a consistent quorum to home public meetings. Under RCW 35.63.040 “Commissions-Organization-Meeting-Rules” planning commission’s are required to “...*hold at least one regular meeting in each month for not less than nine months in each year...*”, in an effort to maintain a consistent body and simplified code, staff presents a code amendment affecting TMC 2.30.110 to modify the number of members from an allowance of up to seven members to a strict five member commission.

Recommendation: Planning commission recommendation for approval of the draft ordinance amending TMC 2.30.110 reducing the limit of planning commission members to five persons to City Council.

Alternatives: 1) Do not recommend City Council approval. 2) Continue for further research and discussion.

2.30.110 Membership of the planning commission.

The planning commission shall consist of ~~either five or seven members but shall at no time consist of an even number of six~~ members. The city council recognizes and values the opinions of the residents of the city of Toppenish, as well as those individuals who own and operate a commercial business in the city, and also appreciates the input of the Toppenish Mural Society to assist in planning and directing the safe and prosperous growth and overall well-being of the city. With that in mind, so long as a majority of the planning commission members are verifiable residents living within the corporate limits of the city of Toppenish, the city council may appoint up to a total of two nonresident planning commission members who may consist of one owner and operator of a commercial business located within the corporate limits of the city of Toppenish and/or one representative of the Toppenish Mural Society. (Ord. 2024-08 § 1, 2024; Ord. 2004-4 § 1, 2004).