

ORDINANCE NO. O2025-003

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, amending TMC 2.56.010 related to the creation and composition of the Planning Commission to decrease the number of Planning Commission members as more particularly described herein.

WHEREAS, RCW 35.63.020 authorizes the City to create a city planning commission consisting of three to twelve members to be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is required by RCW 35.63.040 to hold at least one regular meeting in each month for not less than nine months in each year; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission was established by Ordinance No. 992 on July 1, 1984 consisting of nine Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the City Council modified the Planning Commission via Ordinance No. 1383 in 1993, to allow for one member of the Planning Commission to reside in the Urban Growth Area of the City of Tumwater; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reduced the terms of Planning Commission members via Ordinance No. O2012-001 on May 15, 2012 from six years to four years and

WHEREAS, the language in Ordinance No. O2012-001 regarding how to start the staggering of positions is no longer necessary and may be removed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has experienced vacancies that have gone unfilled for several months due to a lack of resident volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the large size of the Planning Commission has contributed to scheduling difficulties and canceled meetings due to a lack of quorum; and

WHEREAS, reducing the number of Planning Commissioners to seven would create a more manageable Commission that is easier to schedule meetings for, more likely to achieve a quorum, and less likely to cancel required meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Tumwater City Council finds that amending the composition of the Planning Commission and reducing the total number of Commissioners is in the best interests of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER, STATE OF WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.56.010 of the Tumwater Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created, in accordance with Chapter 35.63 RCW, a planning commission for the city, which will consist of ~~seven~~nine members to be appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the majority of the city council, from ~~citizens~~residents of recognized fitness for such position. Members must be residents of the city except at any given time one member may qualify for membership by residing in the city's urban growth area as an alternative to actual residency. ~~The terms of office for the members appointed to such commission shall be designated from one to four years, in such a manner as to provide that the fewest possible terms will expire in any one year. Of the two positions that expire on November 1, 2012, the new term of office for one shall be a three-year term, and one shall be a two-year term. Thereafter, t~~The term of office for each appointive member shall be four years.

(Ord. O2016-001, Amended, 02/02/2016; Ord. O2012-001, Amended, 05/15/2012; Ord. O2006-004, Amended, 02/07/2006; Ord. 1383, Amended, 05/18/1993; Ord. 1303, Amended, 08/20/1991; Ord. 992, Added, 07/01/1984)

Section 2. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of this ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

CITY OF TUMWATER

Debbie Sullivan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney

Published:_____

Effective Date:_____