
1 **2022-39 (1ST READING): TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, PLANNING AND**
2 **DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE II, PLANNING COMMISSION, SECTION 15-22,**
3 **TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE**
4 **ACHITECTURAL PROFESSION ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

5 **Applicant/Purpose:** Staff / amend Chapter 15, Planning and Development, Article II, to
6 eliminate the requirement for a representative of the architectural profession on the
7 Planning Commission.
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9 **Brief:**

- 10 • The Planning Commission consists of nine members.
- 11 • All members must be residents of the City.
- 12 • Each member serves a staggered 3-year term (unless the individual is filling an
13 unexpired vacancy).
- 14 • No member of the Planning Commission shall be the holder of an elected public
15 office in the city or in the county.
- 16 • State law does not require particular professions to be represented on Planning
17 Commission.
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19 **Issues:**

- 20 • City Council amended Code Section 15-22 in 2006 to add the requirement for an
21 architect based on state ethics rulings. At the time, an architect was already
22 seated on Planning Commission. If the Code had not been amended, the
23 architect on Planning Commission, as well as members of his firm, would have
24 been disqualified from representing clients before boards and committees of the
25 City. There is no longer an architect on Planning Commission and therefore no
26 need for the self-imposed requirement.
- 27 • When the requirement of an architectural member was added in 2006, it was
28 anticipated that City Council may need to amend the Code as the composition of
29 Planning Commission changed.
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31 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.
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33 **Alternatives:**

- 34 • Approve Ordinance
- 35 • Deny Ordinance
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37 **Financial Impact:**

- 38 • N/A
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40 **Manager's Recommendation:**

- 41 • I recommend 1st reading (9.13.22).
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43 **Attachment(s):** Ordinance

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COMMISSION, SECTION 15-22, TO
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ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION ON THE
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED that Chapter 15, Article II, Section 15-22 is amended by striking the last sentence as shown below.

Sec. 15-22. – Composition of commission.

The planning commission shall consist of nine members who are residents of the city appointed by city council for terms of three years, staggered so that one-third of the members shall have terms expiring in each year. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. No member of the planning commission shall be the holder of an elected public office in the city or in the county. ~~One seat shall be specified for the architectural profession.~~

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ADKINS, CITY CLERK

1st Reading: 9-13-2022
2nd Reading: