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1 **2022-39 (2<sup>ND</sup> 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**

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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.  
18 • No changes since 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

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20 **Issues:**

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

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32 **Public Notification:** Normal meeting notification.

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34 **Alternatives:**

- 35 • Approve Ordinance  
36 • Deny Ordinance

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38 **Financial Impact:**

- 39 • N/A

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41 **Manager's Recommendation:**

- 42 • I recommend 1<sup>st</sup> reading (9.13.22).  
43 • I recommend approval (9.27.22).

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45 **Attachment(s):** Ordinance

CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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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

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 9-13-2022  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 9-27-2022