

ORDINANCE NO. 261

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON AMENDING UNIVERSITY PLACE MUNICIPAL CODE (UPMC) SECTIONS 2.25.030 AND 2.25.040 BY REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION FROM NINE MEMBERS TO SEVEN AND BY ADJUSTING APPOINTMENT TERMS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1999 the University Place City Council approved Ordinance No. 65 establishing an Interim Planning Commission with all appointments expiring on December 31, 1997; and,

WHEREAS, on December 1, 1997 the City of University Place City Council approved Ordinance No. 174 establishing a Planning Commission and repealing Ordinance No. 65; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 174 provided for a nine member planning commission and also for staggered appointment terms based on a nine member planning commission; and,

WHEREAS, recent resignations and term expirations have resulted in numerous vacancies to the Planning Commission and provides the City with an opportunity to re-evaluate the composition of the Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, a review of other local jurisdictions finds a seven member planning commission to be common while still providing for adequate representation of interests within the community; and,

WHEREAS, a seven member planning commission can allow for the more efficient conduct of business; and,

WHEREAS, the University Place City Council discussed the Planning Commission membership at its December 6, 1999 regular meeting,

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS.

**Section 1. Amendment to UPMC Section 2.25.030, Membership.** University Place Municipal Code Section 2.25.030, "Membership", is amended as follows,

**"2.25.030      Membership.**

The planning commission shall be comprised of ~~nine~~ **seven** members. Members shall be city residents, except one member may reside outside the city. The planning commission shall be appointed by the city council and be advisory to the council. Members of the planning commission shall serve without compensation. No more than two members shall be engaged in the same kind of occupation, business, trade or profession. In addition, it is desirable, but not mandatory, that the planning commission members be drawn from throughout the city. (Ord. 174 § 3, 1997)."

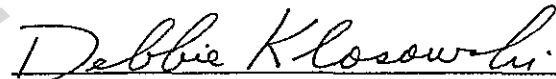
**Section 2. Amendment to UPMC Section 2.25.040, Appointment Term.** University Place Municipal Code Section 2.25.040, "Appointment term", is amended as follows,

**"2.25.040 Appointment term.**

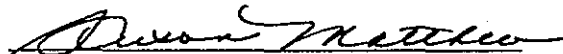
Members of the planning commission shall be appointed for four-year terms. Terms shall be staggered so that appointments expire every other year. For the first seven member planning commission, to provide for staggered terms, existing planning commissioners shall serve their remaining appointed terms while new planning commissioners shall be appointed to four year terms. The City Council has the authority to appoint the planning commission vacancy expiring on December 31, 2000 to either a one or five year term to provide for the required staggered terms. ~~commissioners shall draw lots to determine which three commissioners shall serve two-year terms, which three shall serve three-year terms, and which three shall serve four-year terms.~~ Terms shall expire on December 31st. A commission member whose term has expired shall continue to hold office until a successor has been appointed. (Ord. 174 § 4, 1997)."

**Section 3. Publication and Effective Date.** A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the city. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 13, 1999.

  
Debbie Klosowski, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Susan Matthew, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Timothy X. Sullivan, City Attorney

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