

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE: November 27, 2006

SUBJECT: Ordinance number 06-2653, Amending Blaine Municipal Code 2.56 changing the term length for members serving on the Planning Commission

SUBMITTING DEPT: City Clerk

PREPARED BY: Sheri Sanchez, City Clerk

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments / Communications ☐, Consent ☐,
Public Meeting (Hearing) ☐, Unfinished Business ☐, Council Action Item ☒,
Committee Reports ☐

ATTACHMENTS: Blaine Municipal Code 2.56

ANALYSIS / SUMMARY: The current term of members serving on the Planning Commission is 6 years. In order to provide consistency in the terms served on the advisory boards and commissions, it is recommended that the term be changed from 6 years to 4 years.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Council pass this amendment to ordinance 2.56, Planning Commission, changing the term from 6 years to 4 years, and Waive 2nd Reading.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: No material cost is associated with this item..

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved ☐, Denied ☐, Tabled / Deferred ☐,

DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL ACTION: _____

ORDINANCE NO 06-2652

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING BLAINE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.56
PLANNING COMMISSION, SECTION 2.56.020 TERMS

WHEREAS, the City of Blaine City Council wishes to provide for consistency in the length of terms on advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the current term for the Planning Commission is six (6) years;

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Blaine Municipal Code Section 2.56.020 Terms is hereby amended to read as follows:

The term of office of the seven members appointed by the city council shall be four years.

SECTION 2: Should any section, clause or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part of the ordinance declared to be invalid.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage by the City Council and approval by the Mayor, if approved, otherwise, as provided by law and five days after the date of posting for publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAINE, WASHINGTON on this
_____ day of _____, 2006, and approved by the Mayor on the same day.

MIKE MYERS, Mayor

ATTEST:

SHERI SANCHEZ, City Clerk

Chapter 2.56 PLANNING COMMISSION*

Sections:

[2.56.010](#) Established – Membership.

[2.56.020](#) Terms.

[2.56.030](#) Residency.

[2.56.040](#) Vacancies – Nonpartisanship – Compensation.

[2.56.050](#) Duties.

[2.56.060](#) Research and fact-finding.

[2.56.070](#) Secretary.

[2.56.080](#) Quorum – Valid action.

[2.56.090](#) Expenditures – Employees.

* Prior ordinance history: Ord. 1608.

2.56.010 Established – Membership.

A. There is created a city planning commission consisting of seven members who shall be selected by the city council pursuant to Chapter [2.08](#) BMC, as adopted and amended.

B. At the next regular meeting of the planning commission following the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section, the commissioners presently in office shall determine by lot whose terms shall expire in four years, three years, two years, and one year, respectively. Thereafter, the term of office for each appointive member shall be set by BMC [2.56.020](#). The members of the commission shall determine which member shall serve as chairperson. (Ord. 2025 § 5, 1991; Ord. 2020 § 5, 1991; Ord. 1991 § 1, 1990; Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 999 § 1, 1948; Ord. 987 § 1, 1948; Ord. 985 § 1, 1948; prior code § 2-101)

2.56.020 Terms.

The term of office of the seven members appointed by the city council shall be six years. (Ord. 2025 § 5, 1991; Ord. 2020 § 5, 1991; Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 999 § 1, 1948; prior code § 2-102)

2.56.030 Residency.

Any member appointed to the planning commission shall reside within the city limits for the term of his office. (Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 1530 § 1, 1979; prior code § 2-111)

2.56.040 Vacancies – Nonpartisanship – Compensation.

Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of terms shall be filled by the mayor with the approval of the council, for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office. The members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations and they shall serve without compensation. (Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 985 § 1, 1948; prior code § 2-103)

2.56.050 Duties.

The planning commission, as required by this chapter, shall:

A. Hold public hearings and make recommendations to the city council on conditional use permit applications;

B. Review all planned unit developments and mobile home park proposals, and make recommendations to the council;

C. Review all proposed amendments to this chapter and make recommendations to the council;

D. Review and decide on shoreline substantial development permit applications and proposed amendments to the shoreline program, as required in the Shoreline Management Master Program. (Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 985 § 2, 1948; prior code § 2-104)

2.56.060 Research and fact-finding.

The planning commission may act as the research and fact-finding agency of the municipality. To that end it may make such surveys, analyses, researches and reports as are generally authorized or requested by the council. (Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 985 § 3, 1948; prior code § 2-105)

2.56.070 Secretary.

The planning commission may designate one of its members to act as secretary without salary or, if requested by the commission, the city manager shall designate a member of the paid staff of the city to serve as such secretary/transcriber. (Ord. 2325 § 1, 1997; Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 985 § 4, 1948; prior code § 2-106)

2.56.080 Quorum – Valid action.

A majority of the membership of the planning commission, not less than four appointed members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present when a meeting of the planning commission is held shall be deemed and taken as the action of the commission. (Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 985 § 5, 1948; prior code § 2-107)

2.56.090 Expenditures – Employees.

The expenditures of the commission shall be within the amounts appropriated for the commission by the city council. Within such limits the commission may employ such employees and expert consultants as are deemed necessary for its work. (Ord. 1650 § 1, 1982; Ord. 985 § 6, 1948; prior code § 2-108)