

ORDINANCE NO. 5096**AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE RAPID CITY PLANNING COMMISSION BY AMENDING SECTION 2.60.020 AND SECTION 2.60.030 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Planning Commission currently has ten members; and

WHEREAS, occasionally there are vacancies or absences which result in the Planning Commission failing to achieve a quorum of members; and

WHEREAS, when the Planning Commission does not have a quorum it is unable to conduct business which results in applicants with items on the meeting agenda being delayed through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, delays can result in increased expense and inconvenience for applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Rapid City deems it to be in the City's best interest to amend the Rapid City Municipal Code to allow alternate members to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Rapid City that Section 2.60.020 and Section 2.60.030 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be amended as follows:

2.60.020 Members--Appointment--Qualifications.

The city planning commission shall consist of ten members appointed by the mayor subject to the approval of the city council. Nine of the members shall be resident electors of the city; one of the members shall reside outside the city limits but within the three-mile subdivision jurisdiction of the city. Members of the planning commission shall be qualified by knowledge or experience to act in matters pertaining to the development and administration of a comprehensive plan of development for the city and shall not hold any elective office in the municipal government. From and after January 1, 2000, it shall be an objective to have at least one member of the planning commission be a resident of each of the wards of the city; to that end, no appointment shall be made to the planning commission which would result in two or more members being from the same ward if there is no current member who is a resident of one of the other wards, provided, nonetheless, that the change of residence of a member of the planning commission from one ward to another ward shall not create a vacancy. There will also be appointed two alternate members to the planning commission. The alternate members shall be appointed in the same manner as the regular members and shall have the same qualifications. The alternate members must be residents of the City but may be from any ward. The alternate members should attend every meeting as though they were a regular

member of the planning commission. The alternate members can participate and vote at the meeting only when there is an absence at the meeting which results in less than 10 members being present. Each alternate member shall be designated as either the first or second alternate with the first alternate participating to fill the first seat that is vacant and the second alternate participating if there are any additional vacancies. If a regular member should leave during a meeting and the alternate members are not already participating then the alternates may fill the seat in the same manner as previously described.

2.60.030 Members--Terms.

The term of each planning commission member heretofore appointed and currently serving shall be continued until expiration of the original term or until such members shall have resigned or been removed for cause. Each member appointed to the planning commission, including the alternate members, shall be appointed for a term of three years to expire July first of the third year; provided, nonetheless, that the mayor shall make such appointments for shorter terms as shall be appropriate to establish a pattern whereby the terms of three resident members of the commission expire on July first of each year.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

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Finance Officer
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