

ORDINANCE NO. 476

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 31.41 OF THE NORTH PLAINS MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Chapter 31 of the North Plains Municipal Code (“NPMC”) addresses City committees, boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, NPMC Section 31.41 specifically addresses Planning Commission membership and term requirements; and

WHEREAS, NPMC Section 31.41(A)(1) currently provides that all members of the Planning Commission shall either be “residents of, owners of property in or business owners in the City”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend NPMC Section 31.41(A)(1) to require that at least five (5) Planning Commission seats be reserved for City residents, with up to two (2) at-large seats available to non-resident City business owners and non-resident owners of real property in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF NORTH PLAINS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 31.41(A)(1) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(A)(1) The Planning Commission of the city shall consist of seven voting members and shall be appointed by the City Council. Commission members shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for duly authorized expenses. Currently sitting members of the Planning Commission shall be able to continue to serve at the pleasure of the City Council, until the expiration of their current term, but for future vacancies five (5) of the seven (7) positions shall be reserved for City residents. The remaining two (2) positions may be filled by City residents, as well as by non-resident owners of real property in the City, and non-resident owners of businesses located in the City. In addition, the Mayor shall appoint on a revolving basis one City Council member to serve as an ex officio non-voting member of the Planning Commission to communicate City Council policy on matters before the Planning Commission and to be a liaison between the City Council and Planning Commission. A member may be removed by the City Council, after hearing, for misconduct or non-performance of duty. Any vacancy shall be filled by the City Council for the unexpired term.

Section 2. The remaining sections of NPMC Section 31.41 remain unchanged.

Section 3. An emergency being hereby declared, this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the North Plains City Council this 18th day of January, 2022.

CITY OF NORTH PLAINS, OREGON



By: _____

Teri Lenahan, Mayor

ATTEST:



By: _____

Lori Lesmeister, City Recorder