

ORDINANCE NO. 1447

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, ARTS COMMISSION, AND PARKS COMMISSION; REVISING CHAPTERS 2.20, 2.21, 2.49, 2.50 OF THE GIG HARBOR MUNICIPAL CODE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to implement consistent terms of service and among its advisory boards and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure its commissions include members with institutional knowledge of the commissions' past practices and decision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that representation on its commissions is inclusive of residents outside City limits, when appropriate;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 2.20.010 – Revised. Chapter 2.20.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code related to the Planning Commission is revised to read as follows:

2.20.010 Created – Terms of office.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 35.63 RCW, there is created a city planning commission consisting of seven members who shall be selected as follows: all seven members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority of the city council. All applicants for appointment to the Planning Commission shall be interviewed by the City Council Board and Commission Candidate Review Committee. All members shall be residents of the city. Members appointed to the planning commission before August 27, 2019, who live outside of the city may continue to serve until the expiration of their current term. Each member of the Planning Commission shall be a resident of the city of Gig Harbor or residing within the city's urban growth area (UGA) at the time of appointment and throughout her or his time in office. At no time shall there be more than two residents of the UGA serving on the commission. When reviewing appointments to the Planning Commission, residents of the city of Gig Harbor will be given preference. Members of the planning commission shall serve terms of four years. Those members currently serving shall continue to serve for the remainder of their appointed terms. Terms shall be staggered. Terms expire on June 30th but members of the planning commission shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. No member shall serve more than three consecutive full terms of office.

Section 2. Chapter 2.21.020 – Revised. Chapter 2.21.020 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code related to the Design Review Board is revised to read as follows:

2.21.020 Terms, qualifications and appointment of members.

- A. Members of the design review board shall serve terms of three years for all terms beginning on or after August 27, 2019. All members with active terms as of the date identified above shall serve the duration of the active term as designated at the time of appointment. The terms shall be staggered. All terms beginning on or after August 27, 2019 shall expire on September 30th. All terms which are active as of August 27, 2019 shall serve until the expiration designated at the time of appointment. Members of the design review board shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The city council shall appoint a new DRB member to fill vacancies that might arise and such appointments shall be to the end of the vacating member's term. ~~No member shall serve more than three consecutive full terms of office.~~
- B. Design review board members shall have qualifications, skills or demonstrated interest in urban design or historic preservation and must be able to demonstrate the ability to read and interpret site plans, elevation drawings, landscape plans, architectural details and other design details and specifications as may be depicted on plans. Preference will be given to city residents. Members shall be selected by the council from at least four of the following categories:
1. A licensed architect or professional building designer with demonstrated experience in urban or historic building design. (At least one member shall be selected from this category);
 2. A city resident with demonstrated interest and knowledge of urban design (no more than one member shall be selected from this category);
 3. A member from the Gig Harbor planning commission. (No more than one member shall be selected from this category);
 4. A member with a professional background relating to urban design (e.g., a professional artist, a civil engineer, planner, building contractor or professional designer) as determined by the city council;
 5. A member with demonstrated interest and knowledge of landscaping, horticulture, arboriculture or forestry;
 6. An individual with a background in identifying, evaluating and protecting historic resources, selected from among the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and historic archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation or landscape architecture, or related disciplines. (At least two members should be selected from this category.) Members in this category may participate in all applications reviewed by the DRB pursuant to Chapter 17.99 GHMC (Design Manual), but shall participate in applications received pursuant to Chapter 17.97 GHMC (Historic Preservation).

The DRB action that would otherwise be valid shall not be rendered invalid by the temporary vacancy of one or all of the required categorical positions, as long as there is a quorum, unless DRB action is related to meeting certified local government (CLG) responsibilities cited in the certification agreement between the city and the State Historic

Preservation Officer on behalf of the mayor, and the State Historic Preservation Officer on behalf of the state.

- C. Application for Design Review Board Appointment. Individuals wishing to serve, or to be reappointed to serve, on the design review board shall submit a letter of interest to the city clerk. The letter of interest shall state which category of subsection B of this section the individual wishes to serve under, and shall cite personal experience or credentials in that category. All applicants for appointment to the Design Review Board shall be interviewed by the City Council Board and Commission Candidate Review Committee. The city council shall consider which individual has the most direct experience in that category and give weight in their decision to experience over general interest.

Section 3. Chapter 2.49.010 – Revised. Chapter 2.49.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code related to the Arts Commission is revised to read as follows:

2.49.010 Commission established – Membership.

- A. The Gig Harbor arts commission, consisting of seven members appointed by the vote of a majority of the members of the city council, is established. The term of office shall be three years. Commission members shall be selected for staggered terms. Three commissioners or their successors will serve a one-, two- or the full three-year term based on the position. All subsequent appointments shall be for three years, or for the duration of an unexpired term in the case of an appointment to a vacancy. All commission members' terms shall expire on March 31st and all successive terms shall commence on April 1st. Members may continue to serve past their term expiration if no replacement has been appointed. ~~No member shall serve more than three consecutive full terms of office.~~
- B. Commission members shall be appointed upon the basis of demonstrated interest, knowledge and support of the arts. Members shall serve without salary or other compensation; provided, that members shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred with prior administrative approval. Commissioners may be selected from the Gig Harbor community-at-large. Preference will be given to city residents. All applicants for appointment to the Arts Commission shall be interviewed by the City Council Board and Commission Candidate Review Committee.
- C. Prior to appointing initial members and filling each vacancy in the membership of the commission, public notice of available positions shall be posted on the city's website at least two weeks in advance of appointment. Applicants for vacant positions shall apply to the office of the city clerk.

Section 4. Chapter 2.50.010 – Revised. Chapter 2.50.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code related to the Parks Commission is revised to read as follows:

2.50.010 Parks commission established.

- A. The city of Gig Harbor parks commission, consisting of seven members, appointed by a vote of the majority of the city council, is hereby established.


- B. The purpose of the parks commission is to advise the mayor and city council on park and recreation facilities, open space acquisition and development, maintenance and operation of parks and recreation public facilities, operation of parks and recreation programs, and other matters as directed by the city council.
- C. Commission members shall initially be selected for staggered terms. Three commissioners or their successors will serve a one-, two- or three-year term based on the position, except that Position 7 shall initially serve a two-year term. All subsequent appointments shall be for three years, or for the duration of an unexpired term in the case of an appointment to a vacancy. All commission members' terms shall expire on March 31st and all successive terms shall commence on April 1st. Members may continue to serve past their term expiration if no replacement has been appointed.
- D. Commission Appointments.
1. Appointments to the parks commission will be by the city council during a regularly scheduled meeting.
 2. Each member of the commission shall be a resident of the city of Gig Harbor or residing within the city's urban growth area (UGA) at the time of appointment and throughout her or his time in office. At no time shall there be more than two residents of the UGA serving on the commission. When reviewing appointments to the parks commission, residents of the city of Gig Harbor will be given preference. Members appointed to the parks commission before August 27, 2019, who live outside of the city may continue to serve until the expiration of their current term.
 3. The council shall seek the advice and input of the commission prior to making any commission appointments. All applicants for appointment to the Parks Commission shall be interviewed by the City Council Board and Commission Candidate Review Committee.
 4. ~~No member shall serve more than three consecutive full terms of office.~~
- E. Vacancies occurring other than through the expiration of terms shall be filled by the council, in consultation with the parks commission, within 90 days of the vacancy, for the unexpired term.
- F. Members may be removed by the city council for any reason.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect thirty days after passage and publication of an approved summary consisting of the title.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Gig Harbor,
this 14th day of September, 2020.

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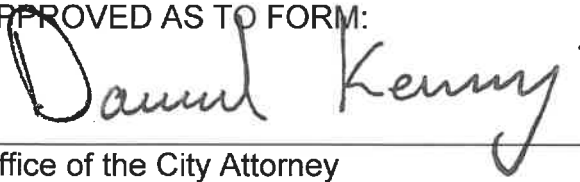
Mayor Kit Kuhn

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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