

## ORDINANCE NO. 1183

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 2.20.010 REDUCING THE TERM OF APPOINTED PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM SIX YEARS TO FOUR YEARS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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WHEREAS, in 1964, the City established a seven member city planning commission with staggered terms of six (6) years;

WHEREAS, six (6) years is a significant time commitment for citizens serving without compensation; and

WHEREAS, potential candidates for planning commission membership have noted that the six (6) years time commitment is a deterrent to applying for vacant positions; and

WHEREAS, a four (4) year term is a more reasonable timeframe to commit to and is still long enough provide the City consistency in land use regulation and policy development; and

WHEREAS, the City's SEPA Responsible Official has determined that the proposed standards are exempt under SEPA pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(14); and

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council considered the Ordinance at first reading on January 11, 2010; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2010, the City Council held a second reading during a regular City Council meeting; Now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 2.20.010 of the Gig Harbor Municipal Code is hereby amended, 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. ~~In the first board appointed, the terms of office shall be one, two, three, four, five and six year terms respectively, beginning June 12, 1964. The seventh member of~~

~~the city planning commission shall serve a term of six years commencing June 12, 1969. At the expiration of each of the terms as provided for, a successor shall be appointed for a term of six years. 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 30<sup>th</sup> but members of the planning commission shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.~~

Section 2. 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 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) 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 25th day of January, 2010.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

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Mayor Charles L. Hunter

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Molly M. Towslee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
Office of the City Attorney

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Angela S. Belbeck

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