

ORDINANCE NO. 173

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES, AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 44 of the Session Laws of 1935 of the State of Washington, there is hereby created a City Planning Commission, consisting of seven members who shall be selected as follows, two Town officials shall be ex-officio members of the commission during the period of their incumbency in such office, the other seven members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Town Council.

The term of office of the five members appointed by Mayor shall be six years, but of the first five appointed, the term of two shall end on the 2nd day of January 1946 and the terms of each of the three others shall expire in rotation on the 2nd day of January of each succeeding year. The terms of the first five members appointed shall be fixed and designated by the Mayor at the time of appointment.

Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms. Members may be removed after public hearing, by the Mayor, with the approval of the Town Council, for inefficiency, neglect of duty and malfeasance in office. The members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations and they shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. The Planning Commission shall have all the powers and perform each and all of the duties specified by said Chapter 44 of the 1935 Session Laws of the State of Washington, together with any other duties or authority which may hereafter be conferred upon them by the laws of the State of Washington, the performance of such duties and the exercise of such authority to be subject to each and all of the limitations expressed in such legislative enactment or enactments.

Section 3. The Town Council may refer to the Planning Commission for its recommendation of any report, any ordinance, resolution or other proposal relating to any of the matters and subjects referred to in said Chapter 44 of the 1935

Session Laws, and the commission shall promptly report to the Council thereon, making such recommendations and giving such council as it may deem proper in the premises.

Section 4. All plats or plans of subdivisions of land within the Town or proposed additions, as well as dedication of streets and alleys, offered to the Town Council for acceptance shall be first submitted to the Planning Commission for its recommendations and report, which report shall be made to the Council within 30 days after submission, or at such earlier date as the Council shall direct.

Section 5. The Planning Commission may designate one of its members to act as secretary without salary, or if requested by the Commission the Mayor shall designate a member of the paid staff of the Town to serve as such secretary, who shall serve without additional compensation.

Section 6. A majority of the membership of the Planning Commission not less than four of whom shall be appointed members, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present when those present constitute a quorum, at any regular or special meeting of the Planning Commission shall be deemed and taken as the action of the Commission.

Section 7. The Planning Commission, at or before its first regular meeting in February of each year, shall make a full report in writing to the Town Council of its transactions and expenditures, if any, for the preceding year, with such general recommendations as to matters covered by its prescribed duties and authority as may to it seem proper.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage.

INTRODUCED, PASSED and posted in accordance with law.

JACK WEBB, Mayor

WITNESSED:
George D. Thompson
Town Clerk