

**CITY OF NEWPORT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2181**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.05 OF THE NEWPORT MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING A GROUP OF PLANNING COMMISSION CITIZEN ADVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 the Newport Planning Commission established a Citizen Advisory Committee to the Commission to assist with a comprehensive review and revisions to the Newport Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the group consisted of three individuals who were to participate in twice monthly work sessions to provide additional community feedback on the development of legislative land use policy and regulatory concepts; and

**WHEREAS**, after the comprehensive review and revisions to the Newport Zoning Ordinance were completed in 2011 the Planning Commission elected to keep the Citizen Advisory Committee empaneled because it valued the additional perspectives its members shared with the group; and

**WHEREAS**, service as a member of the Commission's Citizen Advisory Committee has proven to be an excellent way for persons interested in potentially serving on the Planning Commission to learn about land use planning principles and laws; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Commission has statutory authority to carry out a range of responsibilities, including establishing work groups to assist with specific issues, only the City Council can create permanent Boards, Commissions, and Committees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission is recommending and the City Council agrees that it is in the public interest to establish a permanent group of Citizen Advisors to the Planning Commission for the reasons noted; and

**WHEREAS**, to accomplish this objective it is necessary to amend Chapter 2.05 of the Newport Municipal Code which sets out rules for Boards and Commissions, in the manner prescribed herein.

**THE CITY OF NEWPORT ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The above findings are adopted in support of the amendment to the Newport Municipal Code adopted by Section 2 of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** A new Subsection 2.05.005.H is hereby added to Chapter 2.05 of the Newport Municipal Code, as follows:

"H. A group of Citizen Advisors to the Planning Commission is established to provide additional citizen input on legislative matters under the Commission's purview. The Citizen Advisors shall consist of three non-voting individuals who are residents of the City of Newport. Appointments shall be made by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council, for the same three-year time period

that Commission members serve as outlined in Subsection C, and Citizen Advisors may be removed for misconduct or non-performance of duty as provided in Subsection D. The Planning Commission will make recommendations to the Mayor for appointments as Citizen Advisors.”

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its adoption.

Date adopted and read by title only: May 3, 2021.

Signed by the Mayor on May 4, 2021.

  
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Dean H. Sawyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder