

ORDINANCE NO. 1

AN ORDINANCE creating a City Planning Commission and prescribing its duties, authority and procedure.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 44 of the Session Laws of 1935 of the State of Washington, there hereby is created a City Planning Commission, consisting of 12 members of whom 9 shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council and of whom 3 members of the Harbor and Public Grounds Committee shall be ex-officio members of the Commission during the period of their incumbency in such offices.

The term of office of the 9 members appointed by the Mayor shall be six years, but of the first 9 appointed, the term of two shall end on the 2nd day of January, in each year 1954 and 1955, respectively and the terms of each of the 5 others shall expire in rotation on the 2nd day of January of each succeeding year. The terms of the first 9 members appointed shall be fixed and designated by the Mayor at the time of such 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 City Council, for inefficiency, neglect of duty or 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 of 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 the limitations expressed in such legislative enactment or enactments.

Section 3. The City Council may refer to the Planning Commission, for its recommendation and 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 counsel as it may deem proper in the premises.

Section 4. All plats or plans of subdivisions of land within the City or proposed additions, as well as dedications of streets and alleys, offered to the City Council for acceptance, shall first be submitted to the Planning Commission for its recommendation and report, which report shall be made to the Council thirty (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 city 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 City 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 days after its passage, approval, and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council on the 7th day of April, 1953, and signed in open authentication of its passage this 7th day of April, 1953.

Robert D. Jones
Mayor

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Kenneth A. Cole
City Attorney

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ATTEST:

Hazel Humphreys
Clerk

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CITY OF BELLEVUE

DATE April 7, 1953

CITY CLERK Hazel Humphreys

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