



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27.02 PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF APPEALS & ADJUSTMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ARTICLE II. - PARK BOARD, SECTION 54-31. - ESTABLISHED; MEMBERS; ORGANIZATION REGARDING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CURRENT BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS

Sponsors: Catherine Sorensen

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
7/9/2015	4	City Council	Adopted	
6/18/2015	3	City Council	Introduced, Read, and Placed on File for Second Reading	
6/9/2015	2	Planning Commission	Recommended for Approval	Pass
5/7/2015	1	City Council Workshop	Discussed and Forwarded	

CONSENT AGENDA - *Cathy Sorensen, City Clerk*

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Planning Commission (Public Hearing) 06/09/15
City Council - First Reading 06/18/15
City Council - Second Reading 07/09/15

Currently City and Zoning Ordinance requires council election ward residency for Board members and Commissioners, meaning members must live in the ward they were appointed to represent. At the May 7, 2015, Council workshop, Council directed staff to bring forward code amendments to allow current Board members and Commissioners the ability to complete their

terms should they move from the ward they were appointed to.

Planning Commission membership is outlined in Section 27.02 of the Zoning Ordinance, while Park Board membership is outlined in Section 54-31 of the City Code and Natural Resource Conservation Board is outlined by resolution. As required for amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment on June 9, 2015. No one appeared at the hearing and no comments were received; Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

Staff is also proposing minor housekeeping amendments to change the term “district” to “ward” to match the remainder of the Zoning Ordinance and City Code. First reading was held on June 18 and is being presented at this time along with a companion resolution amending membership requirements for the Natural Resource Conservation Board.

Staff is recommending Council hold second reading and adopt the proposed ordinance.

THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN: (Added portions are underscored and deleted portions are shown in brackets with overstrike.)

Section 27.02 Planning Commission/Board of Appeals & Adjustments

(b) The Planning Commission shall be composed of seven (7) members appointed for a term of two (2) years, except that four members shall initially serve a term of one (1) year and their successor shall serve a term of two (2) years, and, thereafter, all members shall serve the prescribed two (2) year term. Terms for Planning Commissioners shall expire in March of each year when a successor is qualified. Vacancies occurring at the end of a term or during a term shall be filled by mayoral appointment, which a majority of the entire City Council shall confirm no less than ten (10) days following written notice to the Council of an appointment. Members may be removed by the mayor if the removal is confirmed by a majority vote of the entire City Council. The mayor shall appoint a Chair from among the members. At least two members must reside in each council election [~~district~~] ward during the term of their appointment. Current members who move from the council election ward they were appointed to shall be allowed to complete their term with the approval of the Mayor and the two Councilmembers from the council election ward they moved from. Should a Commissioner move outside the City their term shall end immediately. It shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business and such rules may include provisions for the giving of oaths to witnesses and the filing of written briefs by the parties. The Commission shall provide a public record of its proceedings which include the minutes of its meetings, its findings, and action taken on each matter heard by it, including the final recommendation. The meeting of the Planning Commission shall be held at the call of the Chair and at such other times as the Commission in its rules of procedure may specify. (Amended 1-5-89. Ord. 88 1112; Amended 5-18-95. Ord. 95 -1557; Amended 1-2-97. Ord. 96-1628)

Article II. Park Board

Sec. 54-31. - Established; members; organization.

(a) *Established*. There is hereby established for the city a park board.

(b) *Membership*. The park board shall be composed of seven members appointed for two-year staggered terms. All park board members' terms shall expire in March of each year when a successor is qualified. Vacancies occurring at the end of a term or during a term shall be filled by mayoral appointment, which a majority of the entire city council shall confirm no less than ten days following written notice to the council of an appointment. At least two members must reside in each council election [~~district~~] ward during the term of their appointment. Current members who move from the council election ward they were appointed to shall be allowed to complete their term with the approval of the Mayor and the two Councilmembers from the council election ward they moved from. Should a Commissioner move outside the City their term shall end immediately.

INTRODUCED AND READ in full the 18th day of June, 2015.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Blaine this 9th day of July, 2015.