ORDINANCE NO. 2027

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, amending Sections 3 and 4 of Ordinance 1674 relating to terms of office and meetings of the Kent Planning Commission.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DO HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3 of Ordinance 1674 which reads as follows:

"Section 3. Membership, Terms, Residence Requirements, Compensation of the Commission. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) appointed members, each of which shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Ex officio members of the Commission shall consist of the City Engineer and City Attorney, which members shall not have a vote.

The term of office of the first three Commissioners appointed following the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire July 1, 1972; the terms of office of the second three Commissioners appointed following the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire July 1, 1973; the terms of office of the final three Commissioners appointed after the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire July 1, 1974. After the effective date of this Ordinance, when a vacancy occurs on the Commission, appointment for that position shall be for four (4) years, or for the remainder of the unexpired term, whichever is the shorter period of time.

Members of the Commission may be dismissed by the Mayor, with approval of the City Council, for the reasons of neglect of duty, for missing twenty-five percent (25%) of the regularly scheduled meetings in a twelve (12) month period, inefficiency or malfeasance in office.

At least five (5) persons appointed to serve on the Commission shall reside within the corporate limits of the City of Kent, and the others at least within an area designated by the City Council as being within the sphere of interest of the City.

The appointive members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except that reimbursement for authorized travel expenses may be made. Reimbursement for such travel expenses shall come from the budget category designated "Planning Commission" which category may be part of the annual Planning Department's authorized budget."

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City Council. Ex officio members of the Commission shall consist of the City Engineer and City Attorney, which members shall not have a vote.

The term of office of the first three Commissioners appointed following the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire January 1, 1978; the terms of office of the second three Commissioners appointed following the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire January 1, 1979; the terms of office of the final three Commissioners appointed after the adoption of this Ordinance shall expire January 1, 1980. After the effective date of this Ordinance, when a vacancy occurs on the Commission, appointment for that position shall be for three (3) years, or for the remainder of the unexpired term, whichever is the shorter period of time.

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Section 2. Section 4 of Ordinance 1674 which reads as follows:

"Section 4. Commission Organization, Meetings and Records. The Commission shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from among its voting members. Such officers shall hold office for one year. The Secretary of the Planning Commission shall be the Planning Director. The Secretary shall prepare the Commission agenda, prepare minutes and keep such records as are necessary for the proper operation of the Commission, all of which will be a matter of public record.

The Commission shall meet at least once each month and shall operate under a set of by-laws, which by-laws shall prescribe the rules of procedure and dates of meetings of the Commission."

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The Commission shall have the authority to include within its by-laws provisions for a monetary penalty to be imposed upon persons who have applications pending before the Commission and who fail, other than for just cause, to appear before the Commission at any regular or special meeting of the Commission at which such application is scheduled for public hearing. The fine shall not exceed $25.00. The Chairman shall have sole authority to determine whether there was just cause for failure of an applicant to appear, provided, however, that in the event of the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman or Chairman pro-tem shall also have such authority. The decision as to whether a fine shall be imposed shall be final and not appealable."

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DONALD E. MIRK, CITY ATTORNEY

PASSED the 18 day of April, 1977.

APPROVED the 17 day of April, 1977.

PUBLISHED the 21 day of April, 1977.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2627, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

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MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK