

# Planning Commission Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: September 16, 2019

Date Submitted: September 9, 2019

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Commission

From: Somer Pell, Director, Planning and Community Development

Subject: Request for Commission to Elect a Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of 2019.

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## **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests that the Planning Commission elect a member to serve as Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of 2019.

## **Background:**

The sitting Vice-Chairman is a City of Sopchoppy representative. A recent text amendment to the Wakulla County Code removed both cities representatives from the Planning Commission, thus removing the Vice-Chairman (Attachment 1).

## **Analysis:**

Section 24-054, of the Wakulla County Code provides that the Board of County Commissioners elect the Planning Commission Chairperson each year, while the Planning Commission elects the Vice-Chairperson.

## **Options:**

1. Elect Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of 2019.
2. Do not Elect Vice-Chairperson for the remainder of 2019.
3. Commission Direction.

## **Recommendation:**

Option #1.

## **Attachment(s):**

1. Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2019- 17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP; AMENDING CHAPTER 24, ARTICLE III OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED PLANNING COMMISSION; AMENDING SECTION 24.053 ENTITLED MEMBERSHIP; REVISING THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, FOR SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida (the "Board") has determined that certain amendments to Section 24.053 of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances modifying the current representation of the Planning Commission are necessary and in the best interests of the citizens of Wakulla County.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, as follows:

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION OF RECITALS.** The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 24.053 OF THE WAKULLA COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES.** The Board hereby amends Section 24.053, of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances, entitled "Membership," as follows:

(Words that are underlined are additions and words that are ~~stricken~~ shall be deleted)

**Sec. 24.053. - Membership.**

(a) *Representation.* The planning commission shall consist of ~~nine~~ seven voting members, one non-voting member, and select ex-officio members. With the exception of ex-officio members, no member shall be a paid or elected official, or an individual having qualified for public office, or employee of the county. The members of the planning commission shall be appointed as follows:

(1) Five of the members shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners. Each county commissioner shall be entitled to appoint one member from that county commissioner's district and one alternate from that county commissioner's district to the planning commission. These five members shall be voting members. The five alternates shall be voting members when they serve at a planning commission meeting in the absence of a regular member.

(2) Two members shall be nominated by the director of planning and community development for the county and appointed by a majority vote of the county commission as members at-large from the county. At least one of these at-large members shall be from a minority race within the county. These two at-large members shall be voting members.

~~(3) One member shall represent the City of St. Marks and one member shall represent the City of Sopchoppy. The members from the municipalities shall be appointed by their respective town councils. Each member representing a municipality shall be a resident of such municipality unless the total membership of the municipal government votes unanimously to appoint a person who is not a resident of such municipality. However, such appointed person must be a resident of the county commission district in which that municipality is geographically located. These two members shall be voting members.~~

(4) ~~(3)~~ One member shall represent the school district. The school district member shall be appointed by the school board and shall be a resident of the county. The school district member shall be a non-voting member.

~~(5)~~ (4) The board of county commissioners may appoint non-voting ex-officio members to the planning commission for the purpose of specific projects.

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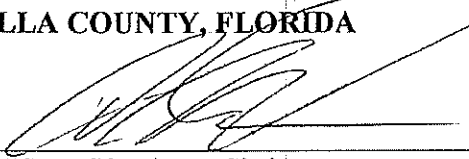
**SECTION 3. CODIFICATION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.** It is the intention of the Board, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Wakulla County Code of Ordinances.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** Should any section or provision of this Ordinance or any portion thereof, or any paragraph, sentence, or word be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed with the Department of State within ten (10) days after enactment by the Board and shall be effective upon filing with the Department of State. Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, the membership of the planning commission shall immediately be reconstituted consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Wakulla County, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

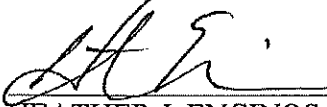
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
WAKULLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
CHARLES HESS, Ph.D., Chairman

ATTEST:

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BRENT X. THURMOND, Ex Officio  
Clerk to the Board



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