

OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE 2016 - 1

An Ordinance amending Okanogan County Code 2.64.020 by reducing the planning commission members from 9 to 7.

WHEREAS: Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.70.030 through 36.70.050 authorizes counties to engage in land use planning upon the creation of a planning department; and

WHEREAS: RCW 36.70.060 authorizes the formation and organizing of a planning commission to assist the planning department in carrying out the assigned duties; and

WHEREAS: RCW 36.70.070 requires a planning commission so created to have 5, 7, or 9 members; and

WHEREAS: Okanogan County adopted ordinance 71-1 which established a nine member planning commission; and

WHEREAS: The Okanogan County Regional Planning Commission has seldom operated with 9 members and has had to cancel business meetings due to lack of a quorum; and

WHEREAS: The current members of the Regional Planning Commission believe reducing the commission membership from 9 to 7 members will still allow adequate representation while enabling them to more effectively conduct the business assigned to them; and

WHEREAS: In previous meetings and on February 29, 2016 the current members of the planning commission requested the Director of Planning to initiate the process with the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners to reduce the planning commission membership from 9 to 7; and

WHEREAS: The Okanogan Board of County Commissioners conducted a public hearing on April 11, 2016 in the Virginia Grainger Building in Okanogan County at which members of the public were given the opportunity to provide testimony in support or opposition of the proposal; and

WHEREAS: The Okanogan Board of County Commissioners finds that reducing the planning commission membership from 9 to 7 members will allow the planning commission to more effectively carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS: WAC 197-11-800 states that amendment of ordinances of any plan or program shall be exempt if they are relating solely to governmental procedures, and containing no substantive standards respecting use or modification of the statute; and

WHEREAS: The Okanogan Board of County Commissioners finds that reducing the planning commission membership will not result in any member of the commission losing their position;

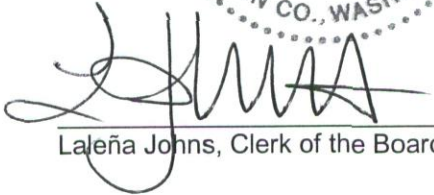
BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED: The Okanogan Board of County Commissioners does hereby amend OCC 2.64.020 as found in attachment A to this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED: The Okanogan Board of County Commissioners recognizes the current members of the regional planning commission as listed in attachment B to this ordinance.

DATED at Okanogan, Washington this 11 day of April 2016
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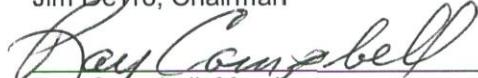


ATTEST:


Laleña Johns, Clerk of the Board

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN, WASHINGTON**


Jim DeTro, Chairman


Ray Campbell, Member


Sheilah Kennedy, Member

ORDINANCE
Attachment A

2.64.020 Planning commission established. 

A planning commission of the county, to be composed of seven ~~nine~~ members, which shall assist the planning department in carrying out its duties, is established. Two members shall be appointed from each Okanogan County Commissioner District with one member appointed from the county at-large. Such members shall be appointed to the planning commission as provided in RCW 36.70.070 through 36.70.120. Said planning commission shall organize itself and conduct its business in accordance with RCW 36.70.120 through 36.70.180. (Ord. 71-1, W-528, § 2, 1971).

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Attachment B

District 1 Members:

Position 1: Albert Roberts

Position 2: Vacant

District 2 Members:

Position1: Marlene Rawley

Position 2: Dave Schulz

District 3 Members:

Position1: Phil Dart

Position2: Tamara Porter

Member at Large:

Mark Miller