TOWN OF WOODWAY

ORDINANCE 2021-627

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WOODWAY AMENDING CHAPTER 2.20; CREATING AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION; AMENDING THE PROCESS FOR REMOVAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSIONER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION BY ORDINANCE TITLE ONLY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.20 of the Town of Woodway Municipal Code (WMC) establishes, pursuant to Chapter 35A.63 RCW, Laws of the State of Washington, a Town of Woodway Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Woodway desires to increase opportunities for public service and to provide practical education in municipal governance for purposes of creating a broader base of qualified applicants for future Town leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Woodway desires to amend the process for removal of a Planning Commissioner;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Woodway does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.20.010 of the Woodway Municipal Code, concerning the Membership of the Planning Commission is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions shown by strike out and additions shown by underline):

2.20.010 Created—Membership—Filling of Vacancies.

- A. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 35<u>A</u>.63 RCW, Laws of the State of Washington, there is created a Town Planning Commission consisting of seven <u>voting</u> members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. The Mayor may appoint, with the confirmation of the Council, one alternate member. The alternate member may participate in discussions but shall not vote on any matter before the Commission, unless a voting member is absent or disqualified for any reason, in which case the alternate member shall serve as a voting member during such absence or disqualification.
- B. The term of office of the member shall be four years commencing on January first of each year, unless earlier removed. The members on the Planning Commission at the time of the passage of the ordinance codified

in this chapter shall serve the terms of their appointment pursuant to ordinances in effect at the time of their appointments.

- C. 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 Town Council for inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office.
- D. The members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations, and they shall serve without compensation.
- Section 2.20.030 of the Woodway Municipal Code, concerning a Quorum of the Planning Commission is hereby amended to read as follows (deletions shown by strike out and additions shown by underline):

2.20.030 Quorum.

A majority of the membership of the Planning Commission <u>eligible to vote</u> shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken <u>at any regular or special meeting of the Planning Commission</u> by a majority of <u>voting members</u> those present when those present constitute a quorum, <u>at any regular or special meeting of the Planning Commission</u> shall be deemed and taken as the action of the Commission.

- <u>Section 3.</u> If any part or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any such reason, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any remaining portion.
- <u>Section 4.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect 5 days after date of publication by ordinance title only.

PASSED this 5th day of April 2021 by the Town Council of the Town of Woodway.

TOWN OF WOODWAY

Michael S. Quinn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi K. S. Napolitino, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Greg Rubstello, Town Attorney

Date Passed by the Town Council: 5 April 2021

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