



Agenda Item: 10.D
Date of Meeting: May 12, 2025
Department: Administration

STAFF REPORT

To: City Council
From: Robin Picken
Subject: **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Section 2.24.020 of the Bishop Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Planning Commission**
Prepared On: May 6, 2025
Attachments: Ordinance - Relating to the Planning Commission

Background/History:

The Bishop City Planning Commission currently consists of seven members appointed after nomination and approval by a majority vote of the City Council. Members are not required to live in the city. California law allows a city planning commission to consist of five members living inside the city. This ordinance would reduce the Commission to five and require that members live in the city. The resolution would make corresponding changes to the Council Standards and Procedures Manual, which would become effective on the effective date of the amendment.

Analysis/Discussion:

The aim of this amendment is to seat a Planning Commission drawn from residents of the City of Bishop.

The ordinance would achieve this aim by amending Section 2.24.020 of the Bishop Code of Ordinances. The amendment would reduce the number of commissioners from seven to five.

The amendment would also add language requiring planning commissioners to reside inside the city limits of Bishop. As currently enacted, Section 2.24.020 specifies "[i]n making appointments to the commission, the city council shall endeavor to appoint the best members to the commission whether or not such persons are residents and citizens of the city.

The resolution would make corresponding changes to the Council Standards and Procedures Manual.

On April 28, 2025, the City Council held a public hearing and approved the first reading and introduction of the proposed ordinance by title only.

On April 28, 2025, the City Council also approved the proposed resolution that would make the corresponding changes to the Council Standards and Procedures Manual to be effective on the effective date of the proposed ordinance.

Economic Impacts:

This amendment will not result in economic impacts to the city.

Budget Impacts:

This amendment will not result in any substantial budget impacts.

Legal Review:

City Attorney Pucci has reviewed this item and finds it complies with the law.

Recommended Action:

Council consideration to approve the second reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISHOP, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.24 OF THE CITY OF BISHOP CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Approved By: Dean Pucci 5/7/2025

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