

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Amending the Columbia
County Planning Commission Ordinance)
ORDINANCE NO. 2007-5)

The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 2007-5.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.

This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to ORS 203.035, 215.020, and 215.030.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Columbia County Planning Commission Ordinance, reducing the number of Planning Commission members from nine (9) to seven (7).

SECTION 4. FINDINGS.

The Board of County Commissioners finds that neither the Statewide Planning Goals nor the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Ordinance are applicable to the adoption of this Ordinance.

The Board finds that pursuant to ORS 215.030, the Planning Commission may consist of seven (7) members.

SECTION 5. HISTORY.

In 1991, the Columbia County Board of Commissions adopted Ordinance No. 91-2, "In the Matter of the Columbia County Planning Commission" which adopted the Columbia County Planning Commission Ordinance, and set the number of Planning Commission Members at nine (9). Since that time, the Planning Commission has had difficulty obtaining a quorum. The inability to reach a quorum disrupts the Planning process and is inconvenient and costly for both the County and Applicants.

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZATION.

The Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the Columbia County Planning Commission Ordinance amendments as shown in Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY.

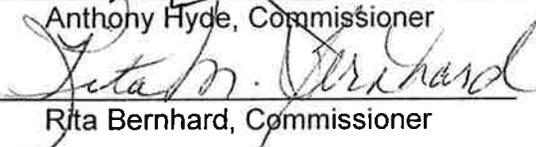
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision of this Ordinance is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision and the decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.

An emergency having been declared, this Ordinance shall go into effect on the date of adoption.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

By: not present
Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner

Dated: October 15, 2008

Attest.

By: 
Jan Greenhalgh, Recording Secretary

First Reading: 10-15-08
Second Reading: 10-15-08
Effective Date: 10-15-08

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel

EXHIBIT "A"

COLUMBIA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

1. SECTION 1(B), is amended to read:

- "B. (1) The Planning Commission shall consist of ~~nine(9)~~ **seven (7)** members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for four-year terms. The terms of the members shall be staggered so that continuity of the Planning Commission is assured. If, at any time the terms of the members are no longer staggered, the Board of County Commissioners may appoint members to terms of less than four (4) years until the terms are again sufficiently staggered.
- (2) The Board may appoint up to three alternate members of the Planning Commission. The alternate members may be called in to serve in the absence of a quorum of regular members. In addition, alternate members may be called in to serve in accordance with an order of priority established by the Board of County Commissioners."

2. SECTION 5(C), is amended to read:

- "(C) At any meeting of the Planning Commission, a quorum shall consist of no less than ~~five(5)~~ **four (4)**. No action shall be taken in the absence of a quorum except to adjourn the meeting to a subsequent date. "

3. SECTION 11, is amended to read:

"A party aggrieved by the action of the Planning Commission may appeal the action to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board on its own motion may review the action. The Board may also assert original jurisdiction over any land use application and by pass prior Planning Commission review. The procedure and type of hearing for such an appeal or review shall be ~~the same~~ **same** as prescribed by this ordinance for Planning Commission decisions, or as provided by the Columbia County Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Partitioning Ordinance or other applicable statutes, orders, rules or regulations."