

**CHAPTER 2.48
PLANNING COMMISSION**

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- 2.48.010 Commission Established: The Planning Commission of the city shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council, pursuant to MLMC 2.08.040. Additionally, up to two (2) ex officio members may be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council who reside in the city's urban growth area but outside the corporate limits of the city. The ex officio members shall have no vote. (Ord. 2516, 8/25/09; Ord. 2090, 8/27/02; Ord. 1853, 4/27/99; Ord. 1831, 11/17/98; Ord. 1791, 12/23/97; Ord. 1356, 1989)
- 2.48.013 Members - Appointment: Each member shall be appointed for a term of six (6) years. The Planning Commission members shall appoint from among themselves a chairman and vice-chairman whose terms shall run for one (1) year, from the first meeting of the Planning Commission after the first of the year until a new chairman and vice-chairman are appointed in the subsequent year. Upon vacancy by death, resignation, or other cause, the Mayor shall fill the vacancy by appointing, with confirmation by the City Council, a member for the unexpired portion of the term. (Ord. 2090, 8/27/02; Ord. 1853, 4/27/99; Ord. 1831, 11/17/98; Ord. 1791, 12/23/97; Ord. 1356, 1989)
- 2.48.015 Removal: A member may be removed for cause during his or her term upon a recommendation from the Mayor and the affirmative majority vote of the City Council sitting with a quorum. If a member is absent from four (4) meetings per year without excuse, excuses being permitted for personal or family illness, and vacations, cause exists for removal. The member wishing to be excused from a meeting must notify the secretary to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting. The absence shall be announced and the reason therefor at the time roll call is taken at the meeting and shall be recorded as excused in the minutes of the meeting, if minutes are taken. (Ord. 1309, 1988)
- 2.48.020 Powers and Authority: The Planning Commission shall have all of the powers and perform each and all of the duties specified by RCW Chapter 35.63, together with any other duties or authority which may hereafter be conferred upon them by the laws of the state, the performance of such duties and the exercise of such authority to be subject to such and all the limitations expressed in each legislative enactment or enactments. (Ord. 819, 1977)
- 2.48.030 Recommendations on Proposed Legislation: The City Council may refer to the Commission, for its recommendation and report, any ordinance, resolution, or other proposal relating to any of the matters and subjects referred to in RCW Chapter 35.63, and the Commission shall promptly report to the City Council thereon, making such recommendation and giving such counsel as it may deem proper in the premises. (Ord. 2516, 8/25/09; Ord. 819, 1977)
- 2.48.040 Approval of Plats: All plats or plans of subdivisions of land within the city or proposed additions, as well as dedications of streets, alleys, and other public spaces, shall be submitted to the Commission as provided in RCW Chapter 58.17. (Ord. 819, 1977)
- 2.48.060 Quorum: A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Any action taken by a majority of those present at any regular or special meeting of the Commission is deemed and taken as the action of the Commission.