

ORDINANCE NO. 1435AMENDED. SEE ORD. NO. ¹⁴⁷⁹~~1733~~
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND CREATING A PLANNING COMMISSION, PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

The Council of the City of Richmond do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Purpose; Continuance of Matters Before Present Planning Commission. The Council of the City of Richmond does hereby find and declare that, by reason of amendment of the laws of the State of California regulating City Planning Commissions, it is necessary and desirable to rescind Ordinance No. 1034 of the City of Richmond by which the City Planning Commission of the City of Richmond (hereinafter referred to as the pre-existing commission) was created under the provisions of 1929 Statutes of California Chapter 838, and to create a new planning commission under the authority and applicable provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 7 of the Government Code of the State of California. For the purpose of continuing all matters, works and operations pending before or in process with the pre-existing commission, the planning commission created by this ordinance shall, subject to the provisions hereof, have and exercise all of the powers and authority of the pre-existing commission, and, with respect to such matters pending or in process, the pre-existing commission shall be presumed to continue in existence in the planning commission created by this ordinance, subject to, and as reorganized by, the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 2. Creation of Planning Commission; Name. Under the authority contained in Section 65300 of the Government Code of the State of California there is hereby created in the City of Richmond a city planning commission consisting in nine members and designated the Planning Commission of the City of Richmond.

Section 3. ^{AMENDED. SEE ORD. NO. ~~1435~~ 1479} Appointment and Qualification of Members. Seven members of the said Commission shall be registered voters residing within the City of Richmond, not officers or employees of the City of Richmond, and appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council; one member of said Commission shall be, ex officio, the Director of Public Works of the City of Richmond; one member of said Commission shall be, ex officio, the City Attorney of the City of Richmond.

Section 4. ^{AMENDED. SEE ORD. NO. 1479} Term of Office of the Members. The term of office of ex officio members shall correspond to their respective official tenures. The term of office of other members of the Commission shall be for four years provided, however, that of the seven members first appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, two shall be appointed for a term of two years, two shall be appointed for a term of three years, and two shall be appointed for a term of four years. Any vacancies among the appointed members of said commission shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. ^{AMENDED. SEE ORD. NO. ~~1435~~ adds Sec 4.1} Officers. The said Commission shall elect from their own number a Chairman and a Vice Chairman and shall appoint a Secretary who may be, but need not be, a member of said commission.

Section 6. Meetings. The said commission shall fix the time and place of regular meetings of the Commission which shall not be less frequent than once each month; all meetings of said commission shall be open to the public.

Section 7. Rules and Records. The said commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of the business of the Commission, which rules shall, among other things, include the term of office of the officers of the Commission, the manner of calling and giving notice of special meetings and hearings, and the appointment and powers of standing committees. The Commission shall keep records which shall be open to the public of its resolutions, transactions, motions, orders, findings and determinations.

Section 8. Powers and Duties. The said commission shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties conferred and imposed upon city planning commissions by the applicable provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 7 of the Government Code of the State of California and, in addition, the said commission shall:

A.. Prepare, adopt and maintain a long-range, comprehensive General Plan for the physical growth and development of the City of Richmond and areas related directly to the City of Richmond. Said General Plan shall reflect the future goals of the City of Richmond and after its adoption by the City Council shall represent the City's policy on matters of physical development. It shall serve to guide the general location of future public facilities and improvements and to aid in the encouragement and regulation of private development.

B. Prepare and adopt plans for the conservation or clearance, rebuilding and redevelopment of those areas of the City of Richmond suffering from blighted conditions.

C. Serve as an advisory body to the City Council on matters related to city growth and development and on such other matters as may be requested by the Council.

D. Review and integrate capital improvement expenditures submitted by the various departments of the City of Richmond together with proposals initiated by itself, and recommend to the City Council those that are deemed essential or desirable and in conformity with the said General Plan.

E. Promote public interest in planning and encourage citizen participation in the formulation of the General Plan.

F. Engage in a program of acquainting the public with the problems and alternate solutions relating to the local physical environment.

G. Call on the Planning Director and the planning staff of the City of Richmond for research and advice in matters of a technical nature.

Section 9. Repeals. Ordinance No. 1034 of the City of Richmond and all ordinances of the City of Richmond in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 10. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on and after its final passage and adoption.

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First read at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Richmond held April 19, 1954, and finally passed and adopted at a regular meeting held April 26, 1954, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Erickson, Miller, Bradley, Kenny,
Cannon, Sheridan, Lyford and McKeegan.

Noes: Councilman Vargas.

Absent: None

JOHN DE ROY
Clerk of the City of Richmond

(SEAL)

Approved:

ED. J. J. McKEEGAN
Mayor

State of California)
 County of Contra Costa : ss.
 City of Richmond)

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 1435, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting April 26, 1954, and that said ordinance was published in accordance with law May 5, 1954.

John L. Roy
 Clerk of the City of Richmond