



City of Easley
Department of Planning & Development
Planning Commission
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Staff Report

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EASLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 32: BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, SECTION 32.41 COMPOSITION TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM FIVE TO SEVEN AND AMEND THE LENGTH OF TERMS FROM FOUR YEARS TO THREE YEARS, AND UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO) CHAPTER 2 SECTION 2.5.2. MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, AND COMPENSATION SUBSECTION A AMENDING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM FIVE TO SEVEN.

Due to the increased amount of applications received, The Department of Planning and Development is requesting a modification to the City's ordinances to expand the Planning Commission from five members to seven and to reduce member terms from four years to three.

Expanding the Commission will create a broader and more diverse body of decision-makers, ensuring a wider range of perspectives when reviewing development applications, zoning matters, and ordinance amendments. Increasing the number of members also strengthens the Commission's ability to maintain a quorum. When current members are ill, have conflicts, or are unable to attend a meeting, the larger membership helps prevent cancellations and keeps the review process on schedule.

Shortening the term length from four years to three will encourage more frequent opportunities for citizen participation and help maintain an active and engaged Commission. This change also provides the City with greater flexibility to adjust membership as community needs evolve.

Sincerely,

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