AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STEVENSON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 2.12.020 TO ALLOW COMPENSATION FOR THE CITY OF STEVENSON PLANNING COMMISSION; REPEALING A PORTION OF SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 1029 AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City Council values the advisory and quasi-judicial functions of the City of Stevenson Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.63.020 authorizes the City to provide for the membership, organization, and expenses of the Planning Commission;

AND WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide for the expenses of the planning commission by compensating planning commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Stevenson do ordain as follows:

Section 1. THAT, SMC 2.12.020 – Appointment (A portion of Section 1 of Ordinances 1029) shall be repealed and amended as follows:

Section 1.A. The following amendments shall be made to Section SMC 2.12.020.A:

“The planning commission shall consist of five members, to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council.”

Section 1.B. The following amendments shall be made to Section SMC 2.12.020.B:

“The members appointed as set forth herein, shall serve without compensation and shall be selected without respect to political affiliation and shall serve without compensation.”

Section 1.C. The following amendments shall be made to Section SMC 2.12.020.C:

“Planning commission members shall be appointed for six year staggered terms, but members may continue to serve until their successors have been appointed. Terms of office shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.”

Section 1.D. The following amendments shall be made to Section SMC 2.12.020.D:

“Members may be appointed to successive terms without limitation.”

Section 1.E. The following amendments shall be made to Section SMC 2.12.020.E:

“Vacancies on the planning commission shall be filled as soon as possible, provided, that notice of such vacancy shall be published in the local newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks.”

Section 1.F. The following shall be added as Section SMC 2.12.020.F:

“Each member of the planning commission shall be compensated in an amount of $75 per planning commission meeting attended, including joint meetings of the planning commission and the city council, provided that no planning commission member shall be compensated more than $150 per calendar month.”
**Section 2-** THAT, this ordinance affects Title 2 of the Stevenson Municipal Code only insofar as set forth herein. All other provisions of Title 2 shall remain in full force and effect, and that where the provisions of this ordinance are the same as the provisions they replace, the provisions of this ordinance shall be interpreted as a continuation of those previous provisions and not as a new enactment.

**Section 3-** THAT, if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect five days after publication as provided by law but not earlier than January 1st, 2017.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Stevenson and approved by the Mayor this 15th day of December, 2016.

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Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the City of Stevenson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KEN WOODRICH, Attorney for the City of Stevenson