

**An ordinance of the Haines Borough Amending Haines Borough Charter  
Section 8.01 and Haines Borough Code Section 18.30.040 Planning  
Commission pursuant to Initiative Petition**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and the adopted amendment shall become a part of the Haines Borough Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective upon voter ratification.

Section 4. Proposed Amendment of Charter Section 8.01. Pursuant to Initiative Petition, it is hereby determined to be for a public purpose and in the public interest of the Haines Borough to amend Haines Borough Charter Section 8.01 as follows:

NOTE: **Bolded/UNDERLINED** ITEMS ARE TO BE ADDED  
STRIKETHROUGH ITEMS ARE DELETED

**Section 8.01. Planning Commission**

...

(B) Composition. The Planning Commission shall consist of seven members **elected at large by Haines Borough voters** ~~appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the assembly,~~ to three-year staggered terms.

Section 5. Proposed Amendment of Haines Borough Code Section 18.30.040. Pursuant to Initiative Petition, it is hereby determined to be for a public purpose and in the public interest of the Haines Borough to amend Haines Borough Code Section 18.30.040 as follows:

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**18.30.040 Planning Commission**

The borough planning commission ("planning commission") is an empowered board and consists of seven registered voters who have resided in the borough at least one year immediately preceding the date of ~~appointment~~ **election** to the ~~planning board or~~ **planning** commission and as described in HBC 11.24.010(A)(2) applicable to candidates for elected

office. Planning commission members shall serve staggered terms of three years, ~~and all appointments to the committee shall be made according to the provisions of HBC 2.60.055.~~ Vacancies on the commission shall be determined by the ~~mayor~~ **commission** under the same regulations as HBC 2.10.240 **and HBC 2.10.250**, guidelines for vacancies of the borough assembly, and shall be filled only for the unexpired portion of the term. ~~Applications from persons interested in serving on the borough planning commission shall be solicited by public advertisement annually for the seats which are expiring and all applicants, as well as incumbent members, shall be given consideration for filling those seats.~~ **Planning Commissioners may be removed pursuant to the provisions of HBC 2.10.260.**

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E. The commission shall conduct its activities within the requirements of Chapter 2.60 HBC, Committees, Boards and Commissions, unless specifically superseded by a section under this chapter ~~like subsection (B) of this section.~~

Section 6. Pursuant to Initiative Petition, at the Haines Borough Special Election to be held on June 6, 2023, qualified voters of the Haines Borough will determine as follows:

INITIATIVE PETITION

Should voters elect the members of the Haines Borough Planning Commission by making the following changes to the Haines Borough Charter Section 8.01 to read as follows (new language is **underlined** and **bolded** and deleted language is stricken and [bracketed]):

(B) Composition. The Planning Commission shall consist of seven members **elected at large by Haines Borough voters** ~~[appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the assembly]~~, to three-year staggered terms.

Yes (a yes vote changes the language)

No (a no vote does not change the language)

Section 7. Sections 4 and 5 of this ordinance shall become effective only if the initiative petition question described in Section 6 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the June 6, 2023 Haines Borough Special Election.

Section 8. Non-Code Provisions. This section is non-code implementation of elected Planning Commission and shall become effective only if the initiative petition question described in Section 6 is approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting on the June 6, 2023 Haines Borough Special Election.

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For purposes of the election of the initial Planning Commission members:  
Seats A and D shall be designated as one-year seats; Seats B and E shall be designated as two-year seats; Seats C, F and G shall be designated as three-year seats. Offices will be filled by the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes, and if terms are of different lengths, the candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected to the longest terms.

ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2023.



Douglas Olerud, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Alekka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk

Date Introduced: May 25, 2023  
Date of First Public Hearing: June 13, 2023  
Date of Second Public Hearing: June 27, 2023

