



MEMORANDUM

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager
FROM: Richard E. Lawrence, Assistant Director of Finance
DATE: April 11, 2022 (for the April 26, 2022 Council Meeting)
RE: Amending City Code Section 10-333 to Enable City Council to Provide for Compensation to the Members of the Fredericksburg Planning Commission, in Accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-2212

ISSUE

Currently, in order to update Planning Commission Board member compensation amounts, City Council must approve an amendment to the City Code. The City Code must be amended by ordinance, which is attached to this memorandum.

The ordinance, if adopted, would then allow City Council to establish Planning Commission Board member compensation by resolution. The staff has prepared a separate resolution to do that in conjunction with the FY 2023 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance which amends City Code to state that Planning Commission Board compensation can be established by resolution, rather than by ordinance.

This ordinance requires two readings. Staff recommends approval on first read. If approved on first reading, second reading and the resolution that will set compensation level is scheduled for the May 10th Council meeting.

BACKGROUND

The City of Fredericksburg Planning Commission plays a fundamental role in advising City Council on all matters related to land use, growth, and development in the City. The Code of Virginia § 15.2-2212 authorizes local governing bodies to provide compensation to planning commission members for these services.

Currently, Planning Commission compensation is addressed in City Code § 10-333(G), which provides that “all members of the Planning Commission shall serve as such without compensation.” This ordinance will amend that section to enable Council to establish compensation to members of the Planning Commission by resolution, in accordance with the authority provided by state code.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact for amending the City Code for Planning Commission Board member compensation to be established by Resolution, rather than City Code. The companion resolution would set Planning Commission compensation at \$50 per meeting attended – estimated at \$5,000 per fiscal year.

Attachment: Ordinance

cc: Charles Johnson, Director, Community Planning & Building



April 26, 2022
Regular Meeting
Ordinance No. 22-__

MOTION:

SECOND:

RE: Amending City Code Section 10-333 to Enable City Council to Provide for Compensation to the Members of the Fredericksburg Planning Commission, in Accordance with Virginia Code § 15.2-2212

ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0

FIRST READ: _____ SECOND READ: _____

Sec. I. Introduction

The City of Fredericksburg Planning Commission plays a fundamental role in advising City Council on all matters related to land use, growth, and development in the City. The Code of Virginia § 15.2-2212 authorizes local governing bodies to provide compensation to planning commission members for these services.

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Sec. II. City Code amendment.

It is hereby ordained that Chapter 10, (“Agencies, Authorities, Boards, Commissions, and Committees”), Article II, (“Citywide Bodies”), Division 15, (“Planning Commission of the City of Fredericksburg”), Section 10-333 (“Membership; officers”), Subsection G is amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the underlined language as follows:

~~G. All members of the Planning Commission shall serve as such without compensation.~~
Compensation for the Planning Commission may be established and amended from time to time by resolution of the City Council.

Sec. III. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

Approved as to form:

Kathleen Dooley, City Attorney

Clerk's Certificate

I, the undersigned, certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 22-__ duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council meeting held Date, 2022 at which a quorum was present and voted.

***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC
Clerk of Council***