



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL RULES AND APPOINTMENTS

Valerie Hutchinson	Bill Malinowski, Chair	Kelvin Washington
District 9	District 1	District 10

**JANUARY 19, 2010
4:00 PM**

**Rules and Appointments Committee Work Session
Administration Conference Room**

CALL TO ORDER

Discussion

1. Planning Commission Ordinance and Councilman Norman Jackson's motion to restructure the Planning Commission.

Other Items

Adjournment



Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject

Planning Commission Ordinance and Councilman Norman Jackson's motion to restructure the Planning Commission.

Purpose

MICHIELLE CANNON-FINCH

From: Norman Jackson
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 12:48 PM
To: MICHIELLE CANNON-FINCH
Subject: Motion

This motion is to restructure the Planning Commission. Appoint an eleven member Planning Commission with an appointee by each Council member giving representation to all districts. There should be no more that two members from the Building industry and two from the environmental community.

Norman Jackson

Bill Malinowski also supports this motion



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY
ORDINANCE NO. ___-10HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE VII, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES; SECTION 2-326, BOARDS AND COMMISSION CREATED AND RECOGNIZED; SUBSECTION (B), THE RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; SO AS TO SPECIFY THE BACKGROUND REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

SECTION I. The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Administration; Article VII, Boards, Commissions and Committees; Section 2-326, Boards and commissions created and recognized; Subsection (b), The Richland County Planning Commission; is hereby reorganized and amended as follows:

(b) *The Richland County Planning Commission.*

- (1) The commission shall consist of ~~not less than five (5) or more than nine (9)~~ eleven (11) members, ~~appointed by the council for a term of four (4) years.~~ Each member of Richland County Council shall appoint one (1) person to represent their respective Council district, and the term of the member of the commission shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing Council member. Provided, however, that if a vacancy shall occur on Council, the member of the commission appointed by the vacating Council member shall complete his/her term. In addition, no more than two (2) members shall be appointed from the building industry and no more than two (2) members shall be appointed from the environmental community. Commission members may live in either the incorporated or unincorporated area of the County. Any person who is appointed to the commission after September 1, 2006 must reside in Richland County. In appointing members to the commission, council shall give due consideration as to whether applicants live in an incorporated or unincorporated area of the County.
- (2) In addition, council may also consider an applicant's professional expertise, knowledge of the community, and his or her concern for the future welfare of the total community and its citizens. No member of the planning commission shall hold an elected public office in the county.
- (~~2~~3) The commission shall perform all duties provided by law.

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SECTION II. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses of this Ordinance.

SECTION III. Conflicting Ordinances Repealed. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective from and after _____, 2010.

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

BY: _____
Paul Livingston, Chair

ATTEST this the ____ day of
_____, 2009

Michielle R. Cannon-Finch
Clerk of Council

RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Approved As To LEGAL Form Only
No Opinion Rendered As To Content

First Reading: January 19, 2010 (tentative)

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

I believe the language should read that all appointees must live in unincorporated Richland County. The purpose of this commission is to act on matters that come about in unincorporated Richland County so why should persons from within incorporated areas have a say? They can elect to get on those boards in those municipalities if they want to serve.

We also need to further define what constitutes "building industry" and "environmental community". A few words that came to mind and can possibly be used for a starting point are as follows:

"An individual who currently works for or has any interest or ties to the building industry or environmental community may apply but will be restricted from serving based on the current make-up of the Planning Commission as shown above. The building industry and environmental community shall include persons involved in development, real estate, conservation, environmental or financial businesses related to those areas. (We can add more for specificity if we want) Having an interest will be defined as serving on a board for, having an immediate relative employed there or standing to gain economically or in some personal way from decisions made relating to those areas that come before the Planning Commission. Richland County Council will have the final say in determining if an individual falls into one of these categories. "

Bill