

ORDINANCE NO. 1952

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING TITLE 1 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE CREATING AND
ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 1-14 OF THE DAYTON MUNICIPAL CODE
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, WASHINGTON STATE, ALONGSIDE THE ENTIRETY OF THE NATION,
IS EXPERIENCING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS; AND,

WHEREAS, WASHINGTON STATE HOUSING PRICES HAVE INCREASED
APPROXIMATELY 50% WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS; AND,

WHEREAS, WASHINGTON STATE RENTAL PRICES HAVE INCREASED
APPROXIMATELY 70% WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS; AND

WHEREAS, OVER 60% OF RENTERS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY ARE COST-BURDENED
BY THEIR RENT AND UTILITIES PAYMENTS; AND,

WHEREAS, THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN COLUMBIA COUNTY IS
\$42,083; AND,

WHEREAS, THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN THE CITY OF DAYTON IS
\$40,806; AND,

WHEREAS, THE WASHINGTON STATE CONSTITUTION AND OTHER STATE AND
FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS OFFER MUNICIPALITIES VARIOUS TECHNIQUES TO
PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS;
AND,

WHEREAS, THE 2019 DRAFT OF THE DAYTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IDENTIES
A STRONG NEED FOR IMPROVED AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS; AND,

WHEREAS, THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAS PREPARED AND PRINTED A REPORT
ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT IDENTIFIES A STRONG NEED FOR AFFORDABLE
HOUSING IN THE CITY OF DAYTON; AND,

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF DAYTON FINDS IT CRITICAL TO PROVIDE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS TO CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS OF THE
CITY; AND

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT TO FULLY RESEARCH AND
COMPILE AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN, A COMMISSION MUST BE APPOINTED TO
LEAD RESEARCH EFFORTS AND WORK ALONGSIDE THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO RESEARCH AND IMPLEMENT TECHNIQUES TO
INCENTIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF DAYTON.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON,
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

CHAPTER 1-14 IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED:

Chapter 1-14.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

Sections:

- 1-14.010 Creation and purpose.
- 1-14.020 Appointment - Terms - Composition.
- 1-14.030 Removal - Vacancy.
- 1-14.040 Organization - Meetings - Quorum.
- 1-14.050 Duties and responsibilities.

1-14.010 Creation and purpose.

There is created an affordable housing commission consisting of five members who shall be appointed by the mayor and approved by a majority vote of the council.

The purpose of the affordable housing commission is to support the development of safe and affordable housing and related services in the city, by assisting the city in determining gaps in affordable housing, and by making recommendations to city council for addressing the identified affordable housing needs of city residents.

1-14.020 Appointment - Terms - Composition.

- A.** Members of the affordable housing commission shall serve without compensation and be appointed by the mayor as outlined in 1-14.020 (B). Appointments must be confirmed by council. Members must live within the City Limits, be registered to vote in Columbia County, have a passion and interest in new development and enhancing affordable housing developments in the Dayton City limits, and mustn't serve on other City appointed commissions. Letters of interest to serve shall be submitted to the Director of Planning and Community Development to make recommendation to City Council.
- B.** Upon the initial formation of the commission, a city councilmember shall be appointed to the commission and shall serve a three-year term as chairperson. In addition, one commissioner will be appointed to a three-year term, one commissioner will be appointed to a two-year term, and two commissioners will be appointed for a single-year term. As the terms of commissioners expire, each replacement member of the commission will be appointed to a full three-year term with the

result being for the lifetime of the commission there will be two new members or reappointed members every year. Committee members shall not serve more than three consecutive terms.

1-14.030 Removal - Vacancy.

Members of the affordable housing commission may be removed at any time by a majority of the city council. Whenever a commission member absents himself/herself for two consecutive regular meetings of the commission, or an aggregate of four regular and/or special meetings annually, unless by permission of the commission given at an open public meeting, the office shall automatically be vacated. Requests for an excused absence shall be made in writing to the chairperson of the commission. Vacancies for the remainder of any such unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointments were made.

1-14.040 Organization - Meetings - Quorum.

- A. Immediately after their appointment, members of the commission shall meet and organize by electing from all the members of the commission a vice chairperson. It shall be the duty of the chairperson to preside at all meetings of the commission. The vice chairperson shall perform the duties of the chairperson in the event of the absence of the chairperson or vacancy of the office. Three commission members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The affirmative votes by a quorum shall be necessary to carry any proposition.
- B. There shall be a fixed time and place of the meetings within the corporate city limits at least once each calendar month. The meeting time and place shall be made known to the public via the official Dayton website and by annual notice in the paper of record. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the public.
- C. The Director of Planning and Community Development shall serve as secretary of the commission. Staff shall be entitled to participate in the deliberations of the commission, but shall have no vote. It shall be the duty of the secretary to prepare meeting materials, keep minutes of all meetings and of all proceedings of the commission, and act as liaison between the commission, City Council, and the Planning Commission.

1-14.050 Duties and responsibilities.

The powers and duties of the commission shall be as follows:

- A. Advise the city council on affordable housing needs, issues, goals, policies, and strategies.
- B. Work with the city and other groups to formulate programs and projects that meet the city's affordable housing needs.
- C. At the end of each calendar year, conduct a review of affordable

housing needs.

- D. Make recommendations to City Council regarding proposed programs to stimulate growth and affordable housing developments.

SECTION 2


Severability. 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 other remaining parts which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3

Effective Date. A summary thereof of this Ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DAYTON, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THIS 14TH DAY OF August, 2019.

APPROVED:


Zac Weatherford, Mayor

ATTEST:


Trina D. Cole, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Quinn Plant, City Attorney

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The full text of the Ordinance No. 1952 adopted the _____th day of _____, 2019, is available for examination at the Dayton City Hall, 111 South 1st Street, Dayton, WA during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

By: /s/ Zac Weatherford, Mayor
Attest: /s/ Trina Cole, City Clerk-Treasurer
Approved as to from: /s/ Quinn Plant, City Attorney

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