

ORDINANCE NO. 1

An Ordinance creating a County Planning Commission for the County of Torrance New Mexico, and prescribing the powers, duties, and Organization of Said Commission.

Be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County:

SECTION 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a county organization of appointed officials in order to promote and carry out a continuing process of comprehensive planning within the jurisdiction of Torrance County, hereinafter called the "County".

SECTION 2. County Planning Commission.

A. Creation. There is hereby created a County Planning Commission for the County, pursuant to Section 15-58-1 through 15-58-3, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1953 Compilation, as amended.

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B. Membership. The County Planning Commission shall consist of not less than five members who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, who shall be residents of the County, and who shall not be employees of the County. The County Planning Commission shall have available to it the assistance of the County Coordinator who shall serve as Ex-Officio member of the Planning Commission and shall have available to it a Recording Secretary.

C. Term. A majority of the members on the first County Planning Commission shall be appointed for one year terms and the balance for two year terms, Each subsequent term shall be for two years in order to establish and maintain the original staggering. Members may be reappointed for an indefinite number of terms. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only. Members may be removed for cause stated in writing, following a public hearing, by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

term to expire July 1st.

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months 46 by 13 consecutive reg. meetings

SECTION 3. Powers and Duties.

A. Delegation of Powers and Duties. The county Planning Commission shall have such powers and duties as may be delegated to it by the Board of County Commissioners. There are hereby delegated the following:

1. The County Planning Commission shall promote a comprehensive planning process with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the County.
2. The County Planning Commission shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future growth of the County and shall make recommendations on means of protecting and improving the environment.
3. The County Planning Commission shall submit preliminary written reviews and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on any proposed subdivision platting or replatting.

SECTION 3. Continuation.

- 4. The County Planning Commission shall have those powers and duties necessary to perform its functions as stated within the provisions of any county zoning ordinance.
- 5. The County Planning Commission may recommend to the Board of County Commissioners, programs for public improvements and their financing.
- 6. The County Planning Commission is authorized to confer with other municipal, county, regional, state, or federal agencies as it deems necessary.

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SECTION 4. Organization.

- A. Officers. The County Planning Commission shall elect from its members a chairman and a vice-chairman for one year terms. Officers may be re-elected for an indefinite number of terms.
- B. Conduct of Business. *of concurrence of the County Commission*  
The County Planning Commission shall adopt and publish such rules, regulations, and procedures for the conduct of business as seem appropriate to its members. A quorum shall be a majority of the membership of the County Planning Commission.
- \* C. Meetings. The County Planning Commission shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once a month and such meetings will be open to the public and published ahead of time. The County Planning Commission may hold special meetings as may be called by the chairman or vice-chairman with at least 24 hours notice to members.
- \* D. Records. A public record shall be kept of all actions and consideration undertaken by the County Planning Commission. The records shall be filed with the County Clerk and kept available for public inspection in the office of the County Clerk during normal office hours.

SECTION 5. Severability.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or part hereof are for any reason declared unconstitutional or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions hereof shall not be affected since it is the express intent of the Board of County Commissioners, to pass such section, subsection, clause, phrase, and every part thereof separately and independently of every other part.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 1 day of Dec 1975

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED this 7 (seven) 76

Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

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ORDINANCE NO. 2

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SECTION 1. Purpose

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SECTION 2. County Planning Commission.

A. Creation. There is hereby created a County Planning Commission for the county, pursuant to Section 4-57-1 through 4-57-3, New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, as amended.

B. Membership. The County Planning Commission shall consist of not less than five members who shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, who shall be residents of the County, and who shall not be employees of the County. The County Planning Commission shall have available to it the assistance of the County Coordinator who shall serve as Ex-Officio member of the Planning Commission and shall have available to it a Recording Secretary.

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- B. Conduct of Business. The County Manager with the concurrence of the County Commission, shall adopt and publish such rules, regulations, and procedures for the conduct of business as deem appropriate to its members. A quorum shall be a majority of the membership of the County Planning Commission.
- C. Meetings. The County Planning Commission shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least once a month and such meetings will be open to the public and published ahead of time. The County Planning Commission may hold special meetings as may be called by the chairman or vice-chairman with at least 24 hours notice to members.
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SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect on the 14 day of April, 1982.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 14 DAY OF April.

Alfred Lavanaga  
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

B. Tamm  
Member

Wayne Council  
Member