

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS ELIGIBILITY FOR APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City of Sky Valley, Georgia is a municipality duly constituted and existing pursuant to Georgia law;

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to clarify the requirements of who is eligible to serve on the City's planning and zoning commission; and

WHEREAS, the composition of the planning and zoning commission falls under an administrative/ personnel action and does not constitute a "zoning decision" under Georgia law and thus does not implicate the specific procedural requirements under O.C.G.A. §36-66-4; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sky Valley, Georgia, by the lawful authority vested in them, that Article XV – Planning and Zoning – Section 1501 is hereby added to the Code of Ordinances as the following:

SECTION 1:

Sec. 1501. - Creation and appointment.

The Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Sky Valley is hereby created. The Planning and Zoning Commission as it exists at the time of the adoption of this Ordinance will continue serving subject to elections as provided herein. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall be composed of five (5) members appointed by the City of Sky Valley in such a manner as hereinafter provided. Three (3) members present shall be required to constitute a quorum. One (1) such member shall be annually elected chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission by the Planning and Zoning Commission members. All members appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be residents of the City, **whether part-time or full-time**. The members shall serve concurrent terms of three (3) years and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The compensation of the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be as established by the City of Sky Valley. Any vacancy in the membership of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term of such vacancy in the same manner as the original appointment. The City of Sky Valley may remove any member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for due cause after written notice to such member and after a public hearing. Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall appoint a secretary, or in lieu of such appointment, the City Clerk shall serve as the secretary of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall become effective upon the mayor affixing her signature below.

APPROVED:

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BENITA COTTON-ORR, MAYOR

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JIM CURTIS, COUNCILOR

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