CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDMONDS

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 031

TO AMEND TITLE 1, CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE SIZE AND TERMS OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2024, the St. George City Council adopted ordinance no 2024-010 enacting Chapter 5 of Title 1 of the Code of Ordinances, creating various commissions and boards, including the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City now wishes to change the size and set the terms for the Planning Commission;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana, as follows:

Section 1: Title 2, Chapter 5, Section 501, paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of the City of St. George Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows (~~strike throughs~~ to be deleted; underlines to be added):

Sec. 501. Planning Commission; establishment; appointment and removal of members; term of office; vacancies.

(a) There is established a municipal planning commission composed of ~~five~~ seven members who shall serve without compensation and shall hold no other public office (except as a City of St. George zoning commissioner or as a member of a board or commission which includes a member of a planning and/or zoning commission).

(b) The seats on the planning commission shall be designated as "A" thru "~~E~~G". The initial terms for the seats are as follows:

1. Seats A, B, and C ~~seat B~~ – four years.
2. Seats ~~c and seat~~ D, E, and F – five years.
3. Seat ~~E~~G – six years.

The Mayor shall appoint and designate the seats of the original appointees. The initial terms shall be deemed to have begun on September 1, 2024. New terms shall begin on ~~January~~ September 1 after the expiration and shall expire on ~~December~~ August 31 four years later.

(c) On or before ~~October~~ June 1 ~~St~~ of each year that there is a term expiring, the City Clerk shall post an application form for the seat expiring on ~~December~~ August 31 ~~St~~ which shall include the application deadline and a notice of the date, time and location of the council meeting for selection of an applicant to serve on the Planning Commission on the City's website, and at City Hall. Persons interested in serving on the Planning Commission shall deliver a completed application form to the City Services Office no later than ~~November~~ July 31~~0~~. The City Clerk shall endorse on each application the date and time of receipt. All applicants shall be listed on the agenda for the first council meeting in December. Each applicant shall be granted five minutes to address the City Council. The City Council shall, upon a majority vote of the membership, appoint or reappoint an applicant to the expiring term on or before ~~December~~ August 31 ~~St~~. In the event no timely applications are received from qualified individuals or no timely appointment is made, the member appointed to serve through ~~December~~ July 31~~St~~ shall continue to serve in accordance with La. R.S. 42:2 until an appointment is made.

Section 2: Conflicts. The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against other ordinances of the City to the extent that there may be any conflict. Except for the foregoing, the use of the subject property is subject to the terms of all applicable ordinances and regulations of the City of St. George, including any amendment thereto.

Section 3: Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was:

For: Dellucci, Edmonds, Monachello, Murrell, Talbot
Against:
Absent: Cook, Talbot

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2026

Signed this 11th day of September, 2026

Delivered to the Mayor on the 11th day of September, 2026

Lorraine Beaman

Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved:

Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from the Mayor on the 15th day of September, 2026

Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

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