

**A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING)
CHAPTER 2.24 OF THE LEBANON)
MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE)
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE)
LEBANON PLANNING COMMISSION)**

Ordinance Number 22
for 2002

Bill Number 2309

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to set forth appropriate procedures for the interviewing and selection of members to the Lebanon Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that notice to the public of pending vacancies on the Planning Commission will ensure public participation in the process of determining qualified candidates for appointment to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the value in retaining experienced members of the Planning Commission who are otherwise qualified to serve on the commission, except for the expiration in their term of office;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LEBANON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

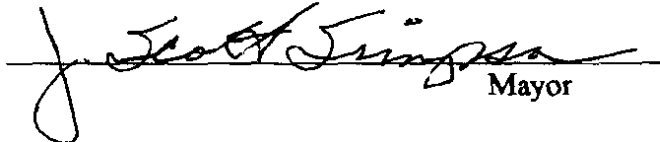
Section 1. There is hereby added a new section to Chapter 2.24 of the Lebanon Municipal Code, to read as follows:

- 2.24.25 Appointment or Re-Appointment of Commissioners.** The method for the appointment or re-appointment of members of the Planning Commission shall be as follows:
- A. Not later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of a member's term, the city shall advertise the upcoming vacancy on the commission by placing an advertisement in a local newspaper informing the public of the vacancy and inviting interested persons to apply for appointment onto the commission. Appropriate application forms will be provided by the city in advance of the filing deadline which shall be established by the commission no later than fifty (50) days prior to the expiration of the term. The notice of vacancy shall be published at least once per week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of local circulation.
 - B. Subject to the provisions of Lebanon Municipal Code section 2.24.040, Term of Office, nothing in this section shall prevent a member of the commission whose term of office is to expire from re-applying for a position on the commission, provided that the member otherwise qualifies for appointment.
 - C. Not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the affected terms, an interview committee consisting of no more than four members of the planning commission shall be selected by the commission to interview all new qualified applicants for the planning commission position or positions for which the term of
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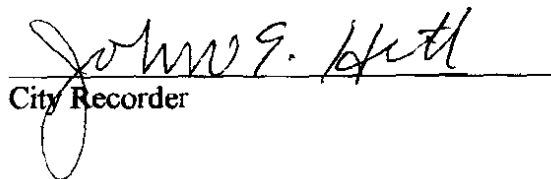
office of a commissioner is to expire. Applicants for re-appointment shall not be required to be interviewed. The interview committee shall make recommendations for appointment or re-appointment of members to the planning commission to the mayor for the mayor's consideration. Appropriate assistance will be provided by city staff, however, only members of the interview committee who serve on the Planning Commission shall be entitled to make the recommendation for appointment. Appointment by the mayor for the vacancies on the commission shall be made at a city council meeting prior to the expiration of the member's term.

- D. The failure of giving timely notice or strictly following the procedures set forth in this section shall not invalidate the appointment of any person to the planning commission or of any action taken by the planning commission which would otherwise be lawful.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Ordinance was passed by the Council by a vote of 5 for and 0 against and approved by the Mayor on this 12 day of June, 2002.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Recorder