



STAFF REPORT

DATE: 10/02/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Planning and Development Department

2024-69

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBJECT:

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.35 AND 2.37 AND REPEALING CHAPTER 2.58 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL CODE TO MERGE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND HOUSING COMMISSION INTO ONE COMMISSION AND TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY TENANTS IF THEY ARE EVER REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE APPOINTED AS ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONERS AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2012-024. (APPLICANT: CITY OF CORONA)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks the City Council to approve an ordinance merging the Housing Commission established by Chapter 2.58 of the Corona Municipal Code (CMC) with the Planning Commission under Chapter 2.37 of the CMC. The Housing Commission was established in 2012 after the dissolution of the City's Redevelopment Agency. The Planning Commission serves as a member of the Housing Commission according to CMC Chapter 2.58 and the request is to merge the responsibilities of both Commissions into CMC Chapter 2.37, which currently governs the Planning Commission. CMC Chapter 2.37 will be amended to reflect the Planning and Housing Commission.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council introduce, by title only, and waive a full reading of consideration of Ordinance No. 3404, first reading of an ordinance amending Chapters 2.35 and 2.37 and

repealing Chapter 2.58 of the Corona Municipal Code to merge the Planning Commission and Housing Commission into one Commission and to establish term limits for Housing Authority tenants if they are ever required by law to be appointed as additional commissioners and repealing resolution No. 12-024.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

The Housing Commission was created in 2012 as an advisory body to the Corona Housing Authority. The Corona Housing Authority is the successor agency to the City's former Redevelopment Agency. The Planning Commission functions as the Planning Agency and is an advisory body to the City Council. The Planning Commission and Housing Commission were established by Chapters 2.37 and 2.58 of the CMC, respectively. The Planning Commission also serves as the Housing Commission according to CMC Chapter 2.58.

Additionally, the Housing Commission requires two tenants of the Housing Authority to be appointed to the commission, if such tenants exist. Since the Housing Authority does not currently manage residential properties with tenants, no tenants are currently appointed to the Housing Commission.

ANALYSIS:

Since the Planning Commission serves as a member of the Housing Commission, Ordinance 3404 will merge both commissions into one under a single ordinance. Chapter 2.37 of the CMC, Planning Commission, will be amended to include the qualifications, terms of office, the organization, and the powers and duties of the Planning and Housing Commission. Chapter 2.37 will also be renamed the Planning and Housing Commission.

Chapter 2.35, Term Limits for Officials Appointed to Certain City Boards and Commissions, will be amended to include the two-year terms for the tenants of the Housing Authority serving on the Planning and Housing Commission. Persons in this capacity are limited to, six successive, two-year terms.

Chapter 2.58, Housing Commission, will be repealed in its entirety. Additionally, Resolution 2012-024 establishing the bylaws for the Housing Commission will be repealed in its entirety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The adoption of this Ordinance will not have a financial impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action amends the text

of the Corona Municipal Code to combine the Planning Commission and Housing Commission into one commission and will not have an impact on the environment.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Exhibit 1 – Ordinance No. 3404 (Clean version)
2. Exhibit 2 – Ordinance No. 3404 (Red version)