

ORDINANCE NO. C \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance relating to the naming and establishment of the City of Spokane Design Review Committee and changing the name to Design Review Board; repealing SMC sections 04.13.010 and 04.13.020; and adopting new SMC sections 04.13.015; 04.13.025; 04.13.030; 04.13.040; and 04.13.050.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane is required under RCW 36.70A.040(4)(d) to implement the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan by adoption of implementing development standards; and

WHEREAS, the name of the Design Review Committee is being changed to Design Review Board; and

WHEREAS, the number of Design Review Board members is being reduced from eleven to eight; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Municipal Code Chapter 04.13 is being renumbered into additional sections to increase its clarity; and

WHEREAS, the design review administration and procedures are being moved into a new chapter 17G.040 Design Review Administration and Procedures of the Unified Development Code; -- Now, Therefore,

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That the title of chapter 04.13 SMC is amended to read as follows:

**Chapter 04.13      Design Review (~~Committee~~) Board**

Section 2. That SMC section 04.13.010 is repealed:

Section 3. That there is adopted a new section 04.13.015 to chapter 04.13 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

**04.13.015              Design Review Board**

A. Purpose. The design review board is hereby established to:

1. improve communication and participation among developers, neighbors and the City early in the design and siting of new development subject to design review under the Spokane Municipal Code;
2. ensure that projects subject to design review under the Spokane Municipal Code are consistent with adopted design guidelines and help implement the City's Comprehensive Plan.

3. advocate for the aesthetic quality of Spokane's public realm;
4. encourage design and site planning that responds to context, enhances pedestrian characteristics, considers sustainable design practices, and helps make Spokane a desirable place to live, work and visit.
5. provide flexibility in the application of development standards as allowed through development standard departures; and
6. ensure that public facilities and projects within the City's right of way:
  - a. wisely allocate the City's resources.
  - b. serve as models of design quality

Section 4. That SMC section 04.13.020 is repealed:

Section 5. That there is adopted a new section 04.13.025 to chapter 04.13 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

**04.13.025**                    **Composition and Qualification**

- A.    The design review board shall consist of eight members as follows:
1.    One architect.
  2.    One landscape architect.
  3.    One urban planner or urban designer.
  4.    One civil or structural engineer.
  5.    One member of the City arts commission.
  6.    One real estate developer.
  7.    One citizen-at-large.
  8.    One designated liaison from the Community Assembly.

Section 6. That there is adopted a new section 04.13.030 to chapter 04.13 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

**04.13.030**                    **Appointment and Removal**

A.    Appointment and Removal.

Members of the board shall be nominated by the mayor and appointed by the city council. The community assembly may submit recommendations to the mayor for nomination of the designated liaison from the community assembly. Members may be removed for cause by the city council.

Section 7. That there is adopted a new section 04.13.040 to chapter 04.13 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

**04.13.040**                    **Terms of Office**

A.    Terms of Office

1.    Members shall serve staggered terms of three years. A member whose term has expired shall continue to hold office until a successor has qualified.
2.    No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the same manner as for an original appointment under this section. Appointment to fill the balance of an unexpired term where more than half of the term remains shall be considered a full term.
3.    Members who have retired from the board are eligible to apply for a position on the board after a six month break.

B.    Compensation.

1.    Members shall serve without compensation.

Section 8. That there is adopted a new section 04.13.050 to chapter 04.13 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

**04.13.050 Design Review Board Administration and Procedures**

A. The board's administration and procedures are contained within the Unified Development Code chapter 17G.040 SMC Design Review Board Administration and Procedures.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON \_\_\_\_\_

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Council President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

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City Clerk

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Assistant City Attorney

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Mayor

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Date

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Effective Date