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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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2-1-1: **TITLE:** This chapter shall be known as the *PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ORDINANCE OF LEWISVILLE, IDAHO*. (Ord. 02-98, 1998)

2-1-2: **PURPOSE:** The provisions of this chapter are enacted for the establishment of a planning and zoning commission within the city, under the constitution and the laws of the state. The planning and zoning commission will act with the full authority of the city council, excluding the authority to adopt ordinances. The planning and zoning commission will support zoning regulations in accordance with the comprehensive plan for the city of Lewisville and impact area to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the city through efforts to:

- A. Protect property rights and enhance property values.
- B. Ensure that adequate public facilities and services are provided to the citizens at a reasonable cost.
- C. Ensure that the economy of Lewisville is protected and enhanced.
- D. Ensure that the environmental features of the city are protected and enhanced.
- E. Encourage urban and urban type development within the city.

- F. Avoid undo concentration of population, and overcrowding of land.
- G. Ensure that the development on the land is commensurate with the physical characteristics of the land.
- H. Protect life and property in areas subject to natural hazards and disasters.
- I. Protect fish, wildlife, and recreation resources.
- J. Avoid undue water and air pollution. (Ord. 02-98, 1998)

2-1-3: **MEMBERSHIP:**

- A. Number Of Members: The commission will consist of not less than four (4) members.
- B. Appointment: The members are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the vote of the city council. (Ord. 02-98, 1998)
- C. Residency: An appointed member must have resided within the city or impact area for three (3) continuous years immediately prior to the appointment and remain in the city or impact area throughout the term of office. (Ord., 1-5-2010)
- D. Term; Vacancy: The term of office will be not less than three (3) years. Vacancies prior to the expiration of the term of appointment will be filled in the same manner as original appointment.
- E. Removal: Members may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the city council.
- F. Political Affiliation: Members will be selected without regard for political affiliation.
- G. Compensation: They may receive mileage and per diem compensation as determined by the city council. (Ord. 02-98, 1998)

2-1-4: **ORGANIZATION:**

- A. Chairman: The commission shall select a chairman and any other officers they deem necessary.

- B. **Subcommittees Or Neighborhood Groups:** The commission may establish subcommittees or neighborhood groups to assist and advise in carrying out the commission's responsibilities. The commission may appoint ex officio advisors as may be deemed necessary. (Ord. 02-98, 1998)

2-1-5: **RULES, RECORDS AND MEETINGS:**

- A. **Written Organization:** The commission will create written organization of papers and bylaws for the transaction of business.
- B. **Public Record:** A public record of meetings, hearings, resolutions, studies, findings, permits, and actions taken shall be maintained.
- C. **Open To Public:** All meetings and records shall be open to the public.
- D. **Meetings:** At least one regular meeting shall be held each month for not less than nine (9) months in a year.
- E. **Quorum:** A majority of voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.
- F. **Recommendations To Council:** The commission will bring recommendations to the city council. Only the city council can cause, by vote of the council members, the adoption of the recommendations. (Ord. 02-98, 1998)

2-1-6: **EXPENDITURES AND STAFF:** With the approval of the city council, the commission may receive and expend funds from government sources or from civic or private sources and may contract with these entities and provide information and reports as necessary. Expenditures by the commission are limited to amounts appropriated by the city council. (Ord. 02-98, 1998)