

ORDINANCE NO. 18-1012

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OREGON CITY REVISING CHAPTER 2.30 CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the City encourages citizen involvement in all phases of the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the City created a policy establishing a Citizen Involvement Council (CIC) in December of 1977 to provide an active and systematic process for citizen and public agency involvement in the land-use decision making for Oregon City; and

WHEREAS, since establishment, the CIC has proven to be a successful means of communication between the City and citizens; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2015, the City incorporated the CIC into a city committee and adopted *OCMC 2.30 Citizen Involvement Committee* and codified the existing Grievance process which was outlined in their previous by-laws; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2018, the CIC adopted their 2017-2019 Goals which included Goal 4: Review grievance process, code and submission requirements; and

WHEREAS, the CIC subcommittee/working group met on April 25, 2018, to review options for revising or removing the Grievance process. They found that while they recognize the importance of allowing for members of the public to have an avenue by which they may appeal or argue against the actions of a neighborhood association or the CIC, they also believed that having a grievance process only adds to the confusion and delays progress and was not helpful; and

WHEREAS, at the May 7, 2018, Citizen Involvement Committee (CIC) meeting, the CIC reviewed and discussed the findings from the Grievance subcommittee/study group and voted to recommend to the City Commission that the Grievance process should be removed from OCMC 2.30.060; and

WHEREAS, at the July 10, 2018, City Commission Work session, the City Commission reviewed the CIC's request to remove Chapter 2.30.060- Grievances from the Municipal Code, supported the request and recommended that staff return at a future meeting for a formal public hearing; and

WHEREAS, after a noticed public hearing the City Commission found that Chapter 2.30.060 Grievances should be removed from the Oregon City Municipal Code (Exhibit A).

NOW, THEREFORE, OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City hereby removes Chapter 2.30.060 Grievances from to the Oregon City Municipal Code (Exhibit A).

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this

Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 4. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of adoption.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 15th day of August 2018, and the City Commission finally enacted the foregoing ordinance this 5th day of September 2018.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor

Attested to this 5th day of September 2018,

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder

City Attorney

Attachment:

Exhibit A. Chapter 2.30 of the Oregon City Municipal Code-Revised