

ORDINANCE #45

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PLANNING BOARD, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS THEREOF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATE STATUTES, AND FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, in order to guide and accomplish a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of Mexico Beach and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including among other things, adequate provision for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, That the Mexico Beach Planning Board, hereinafter is hereby created and established and said Planning Board shall be organized and empowered as follows:

Section 1. Membership. The Planning Board shall consist of five members, who shall be residents of the Town of Mexico Beach, Florida and appointed by the Mayor, with the concurrence of the Town Council. The terms of the members shall be for four years, except that in the appointment of the first Planning Board under the terms of this ordinance the first member shall be appointed for a term of one year, the second member shall be appointed for a term of two years, the third member shall be appointed for a term of three years, and the remaining members shall be appointed for terms of four years, each with eligibility for reappointment. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Mayor who shall have the authority to remove any member for cause, upon written charges, after a public hearing. All members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection with their official duties.

Section 2. Quorum. Three members of the Planning Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business providing, however, that no action shall be taken which is binding upon said Planning Board unless concurred in by not less than a majority of all members comprising the Planning Board.

Section 3. Organization, Rules, Staff and Finances. The Planning Board shall elect its Chairman from among its members. The term of the Chairman shall be one year with eligibility for re-election. The Planning Board shall appoint a Secretary, who may be an officer or employee of the municipality. All meeting of the Planning Board at which official action is taken shall be open to the public and all records of the Planning Board shall be a public record.

Regular meetings of the Planning Commission shall be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Mexico Beach Town Hall. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, provided that reasonable advance notice is given each member.

The order of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:  
(a) roll call; (b) approval of minutes of previous meetings; (c) unfinished business; (d) new business; (e) adjournment.

The Planning Board may appoint such employees and staff as it may deem necessary for its work and may contract with the State Planning Agency, City Planners and other consultants for such services as it may require. The expenditures of the Planning Board, exclusive of gifts, shall be within the amounts appropriated for the purpose by the Town Council.

Section 4. Powers and Duties. From and after the time when the Planning Board shall have organized and selected its officers and shall have adopted its rules of procedure then said Planning Board shall have all the powers, duties and responsibilities set forth herein.

Section 5. Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Board shall have the power and the duty to prepare and recommend to the Town Council for adoption of a Comprehensive Plan for the physical development of the Town of Mexico Beach and to perfect it from time to time. In conducting its work the Planning Board may consider and investigate any subject matter tending to the development and betterment of the municipality and may make recommendations as it may deem advisable concerning the adoption thereof to the Town Council. Such Comprehensive Plan may show, among other things: existing and proposed streets, highways, expressways, bridges, tunnels and viaducts and approaches thereto; routes of railroads and transit lines; terminals, ports and airports; parks, playgrounds; forests, reservations, and other public open spaces; sites for public buildings and structures; districts for residence, business, industry recreation, agriculture and forestry; special districts for other purposes; limited development districts for purposes of conservation; water supply, sanitation, drainage, protection against floods and the like; areas for housing developments, slum clearance, urban renewal and redevelopment; location of public utilities whether publicly or privately owned, including but not limited to sewerage and water supply systems; together with time and priority schedules and cost estimates for the accomplishment of the proposals. The Comprehensive Plan shall be based upon and include appropriate studies of the location and extent of present and anticipated use of land, population, social and economic resources and problems, and other useful data. The Comprehensive Plan shall be a public record, but its purpose and effect shall be solely to aid the Planning Board in the performance of its duties.

Section 6. Zoning. The Planning Board shall act as the Zoning Commission for the City of the Town of Mexico Beach as provided for in Municipal Zoning, Chapter 163, Florida State Statutes, and shall have all the powers, duties and responsibilities set forth therein.

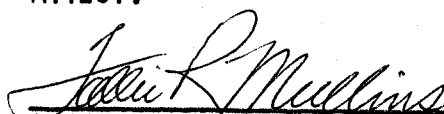
Section 7. Subdivision of Land. The Planning Board shall prepare and recommend to the Town Council for adoption, rules and regulations covering the approval of maps and plats of the subdivision of land within the corporate limits of the Town of Mexico Beach in accordance with the requirement of Maps and Plats, Florida State Statutes, Chapter 163.

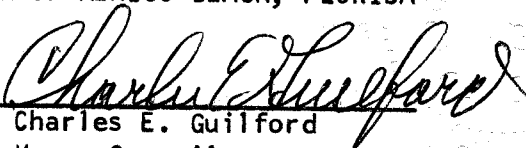
Section 8. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council on the 9th of July, 1974, and ADOPTED by the Town Council on the 30 day of September, 1974.

TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

  
Tollie R. Mullins, Town Clerk

By:   
Charles E. Guilford  
Mayor-Councilman