

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-05-048

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON AMENDING BMC SECTION 2.33.**

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham Municipal Code chapter 2.33 established the Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Committee ("MNAC") in 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, the provisions of BMC section 2.33 need to be amended to conform with the present function of the MNAC;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. BMC 2.33.010.** Section 2.33.010 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.33.010 - Established**

The Mayor's Neighborhood Advisory Commission ("MNAC") is established to perform such functions as are provided in this chapter.

[Ord. 8516 § 1, 1976.]

**Section 2. BMC 2.33.020.** Section 2.33.020 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**2.33.020 - Membership**

The Mayor shall appoint to the MNAC one member and one alternate from each of the City's neighborhoods as defined in the Bellingham Municipal Code. The Mayor shall request from the recognized neighborhood association of each neighborhood a list of up to three active members who are formally designated by the neighborhood association to represent the neighborhood on the MNAC. The Mayor will select members and alternates from among those on this list; provided that, if no such neighborhood association exists, or the neighborhood association fails to provide a list in a timely manner, the Mayor may select other representatives who are interested in serving and whom the Mayor believes will effectively represent the neighborhood.

[Ord. 8516 § 2, 1976.]

**Section 3. BMC 2.33.030.** Section 2.33.030 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**2.33.030 - Terms Of Members - Rules Of Procedures**

The term of appointed members shall be two years. Members may be eligible for reappointment to a second term in accordance with BMC 2.33.020. Upon being constituted, the Commission shall establish its own internal rules of operation, including provisions for the election or appointment of necessary officers.

[Ord. 8516 § 3, 1976.]

**Section 4. BMC 2.33.040.** Section 2.33.040 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:


**2.33.040 - Functions - Meetings and Minutes**

The primary purpose of the MNAC meetings is to provide a regular forum for (1) representatives of neighborhood associations to communicate their interests and concerns to the City administration, (2) the Mayor to inform representatives of neighborhood associations of City activities that may be of interest to neighborhoods, and (3) the MNAC to have timely opportunity to formulate and/or review proposed changes to the City's comprehensive plan and neighborhood plans and to prepare recommendations on those proposed changes for the Mayor and the Planning Commission to consider. The Commission shall meet at least once each month and shall keep minutes of its meetings. In addition to attending MNAC meetings, MNAC members shall serve as a conduit for timely, accurate information about City government programs and services, through various actions including reporting and/or forwarding to their membership information provided by City government.


[Ord. 8516 § 4, 1976.]

**Section 5. Effective date.** This ordinance shall be effective fifteen (15) days after passage and publication of the ordinance or a summary thereof.

PASSED by the Council this 1st day of May, 2006.

  
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Council President

APPROVED by me this 8th day of May, 2006.

  
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