

ORDINANCE NO. 25-16

AN ORDINANCE OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30 "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS", ARTICLE III "DECISION MAKING AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES", DIVISION 3 "LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY", SECTION 30-103 OF THE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, TERMS, AND VACANCIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Village Council of Islamorada, Village of Islands (the "Village Council") has a number of boards, committees and commissions of the Village that requires the Village Council to appoint members periodically; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council desires to provide uniform term limits for members of the various boards, committees and commissions of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village currently has boards, committees and commissions with no specific term limits, however, the Local Planning Agency ("LPA") does include a specific term limit for its members; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council finds that eliminating the LPA term limits and providing uniform term restrictions for members of all boards, committees and commissions is in the best interests of the Village and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. **Amendments to the Code.**

Section 30-103 entitled "Membership: Appointment, Removal, Terms, And Vacancies", is hereby

amended to read as follows:¹

DIVISION 3. - LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

Sec. 30-103. Membership: appointment, removal, terms, and vacancies.

1. (a) The local planning agency shall be comprised of seven voting members. Each member shall serve for a term of two (2) years, with the terms of the members being staggered. Local planning agency member appointment, when available, shall be made during a regular village council meeting in May of each year, and the term of the local planning agency members shall continue until appointments are made at a regular village council meeting in May of the following year. The appoint process shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2, Article V. In the event that the regular village council meeting in May is cancelled, the term of local planning agency members shall not expire until appointments are made at the next regular village council meeting.
2. Where required by state statute, by majority vote the village council may appoint individuals, organizations or their designee to serve in an advisory capacity as nonvoting members of the local planning agency. These nonvoting members may include, but are not limited to, representatives of area schools or the county school board.
3. One member of each village established citizens' advisory committee and the Historic Preservation Commission may serve as a voting member of the local planning agency . One or more members of the local planning agency may serve on a village established charter review committee.
4. The village council may replace a local planning agency member with or without cause at any regular village council meeting. Replacements shall serve the remainder of the original term. Nonvoting members may be removed by majority vote of the village council without cause.
- ~~5. No voting member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms unless the village council votes by super majority (four/fifths votes) to approve re-appointment for additional consecutive terms.~~
65. At an annual organizational meeting, the members of the local planning agency shall elect one of their members as chairman and one as vice-chairman. In the absence of the chairman, the vice-chairman shall act as the chairman and shall have all the powers of the chairman. The chairman shall serve a term of one year. No member shall serve as chairman for more than two consecutive terms unless the local planning agency votes by super majority (majority plus one of voting members present and voting) to approve re-appointment for additional consecutive terms.
- ~~7~~6. The chairman (or vice-chairman acting in the capacity of chairman) shall serve as the presiding officer of any meeting of the local planning agency. The presiding officer or designee shall be in

¹ Coding: ~~Strikethrough words~~ are deletions to the existing words. Underlined words are additions to the existing words. Changes between first and second reading are indicated with **highlighted double-strikethrough** and double underline.

charge of all proceedings before the local planning agency, and shall take such action as shall be necessary to preserve order and the integrity of all proceedings before the local planning agency. In the event that the chairman or vice-chairman are unavailable, the voting members of the local planning agency who are present shall by majority vote select a voting member to act as presiding officer for the meeting in question.

87. Should any voting member of the local planning agency miss three consecutive meetings without being excused by the chairman, whether regular meetings or special meetings, that person shall be disqualified as a voting member of the local planning agency. Thereafter, village council shall fill the vacancy thereby created as soon as practicable.

98. All provisions of Chapter 2, Article V entitled "Village Boards, Committees and Commissions" of the Code not inconsistent with the provision of this section 30-103 shall apply.

Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. The Provisions of the Village Code and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any sentence, section, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sentences, sections, clauses or phrases of the Ordinance but they shall remain in effect it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. Inclusion in the Code. It is the intention of the Village Council and it is hereby ordained the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Village Code, that sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered to accomplish such intentions, and that the word "Ordinance" shall be changed to "Section" or other appropriate word.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall not become effective until a final Order has been issued by the State Land Planning Agency finding the Land Development Regulation in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and the Principles for Guiding Development. If timely challenged, the Land Development Regulation does not become effective until the challenge to the order is resolved pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Councilwoman Gillis, who moved its adoption on first reading. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Richards, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Sharon Mahoney	YES
Vice Mayor Don Horton	YES
Councilwoman Deb Gillis	YES
Councilman Steve Friedman	YES
Councilwoman Anna Richards	YES

PASSED on first reading this 7th day of October, 2025.

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Deb Gillis, who moved its adoption on second reading. This motion was seconded by Anna Richards, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Sharon Mahoney	Yes
Vice Mayor Don Horton	Yes
Councilwoman Deb Gillis	Yes
Councilman Steve Friedman	Yes
Councilwoman Anna Richards	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the second reading this 13th day of November, 2025.


SHARON MAHONEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MARNE MCGRATH, VILLAGE CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
FOR THE SOLE USE AND BENEFIT OF
ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS ONLY


JOHN J. QUICK, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

