ORDINANCE #2012-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE IV OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW MEETING DATES OF THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TO BE SET BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Albany Unified School District Board of Education has requested a change in their meeting schedule to meet in the City Hall Council Chambers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month; and

WHEREAS, Chapter II, Article IV of the Albany Municipal Code sets the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting dates as the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month; and

WHEREAS, the City’s practice is to avoid overlapping meetings to allow the public to attend and participate at all meetings of interest without a potential schedule conflict.

NOW THEREFORE, the Albany City Council does hereby amend Chapter II, Article IV, Section 2-18.4 a. of the Albany Municipal Code, to read as follows:

2-18.4 Meetings, Generally.

a. Regular Meetings. The City Council shall establish by resolution the schedule for regular meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Such schedule shall ordinarily provide for a minimum of two (2) regular meetings per month. A meeting may be canceled for lack of quorum or other reasonable cause.

Any regular meeting may be adjourned to a date certain, which adjourned meeting shall be a regular meeting for all purposes. If the regular meeting date falls on a holiday, the Chairman shall fix another date as soon as possible.
b. **Special Meetings.** Rules for special meetings may be established by Commission resolution subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

c. **Open Meetings.** Meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be open to the public except for closed sessions held in conformance with the Ralph M. Brown Act.

d. All meetings shall be governed by rules of parliamentary practice as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order as modified by Planning Commission resolution.

e. The Planning and Zoning Commission may establish by Commission resolution any necessary rules of operation not inconsistent with provisions of the City Charter, the Municipal Code or other such laws and regulations that govern the conduct of public meetings.

f. **Quorum.** Three (3) voting members shall constitute a quorum on all matters except proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Four (4) voting members shall constitute a quorum on all amendments to the Zoning Ordinance or for election of officers of the Commission. (Ord. #97-04)

**Publication and Effective Date**

This ordinance shall be posted at three public places within the City of Albany, and shall take effect thirty days after the date of its adoption.

[Signature]

Mayor Farid Javandel
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

this 7th day of May, 2012, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Lieber, Thomsen, Wile, Vice Mayor Atkinson and Mayor Javandel

NOES:

ABSENT:

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 8th Day of May, 2012

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK
NOTICE OF POSTING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

I, Eileen Harrington, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Albany, County of Alameda, State of California, say:

That on the 8th day of May 2012, I posted notices in the following areas designated as the official posting areas for the City of Albany:

CITY HALL
FIRE DEPARTMENT
ALBANY LIBRARY

The notice was for: Ordinance No. 2012-02

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the 8th day of May, 2012 at Albany, California.

/Eileen Harrington/

EILEEN HARRINGTON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK
CITY OF ALBANY