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**CITY OF FIRCREST
ORDINANCE NO. 1639**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 798 SECTION 1 AND FMC 23.08.110
RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES.**

WHEREAS, the City has adopted the use of a hearing examiner for quasi-judicial planning decisions and other actions; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Planning Commission's powers and duties to reflect these changes. Now, Therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 798 and FMC 23.08.110 are hereby amended to read as follows:

23.08.110 Powers and Duties.

The Planning Commission shall have the following powers and duties; namely:

(a) It shall act as a research and fact-finding agency for the city, as requested or required by the City Council. It may, within the scope of its powers and duties, make inquiries, investigations and surveys, assemble and analyze data obtained, formulate plans, cooperate and act with other planning commissions or public agencies, and make such reports and recommendations to the city council with respect to such activities.

(b) It may participate in the activities of regional planning commissions to the extent permitted by the laws of the state of Washington.

(c) It shall study, promulgate, develop and up-date coordinated plans, including comprehensive plan, for the physical development of the city as deemed necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, morals and the general welfare of the community; and to such end it may make recommendations to the City Council regarding the regulation of and restrictions on the use of land, the location, construction and use of buildings, and other related matters which are or might properly be incorporated into city ordinances dealing with zoning, building, plats and subdivisions, parks and annexation.

All regulations shall be worked out as parts of a comprehensive plan which the commission shall prepare for the physical and other generally advantageous development of the municipality and shall be designed, among other things, to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the municipality; to lessen traffic congestion and accidents; to secure safety from fire; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to promote a coordinated development of the unbuilt areas; to encourage the formation of neighborhood or community units; to secure an appropriate allotment of land area in new developments for all the requirements of community life; to conserve and restore natural beauty and other natural resources; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage and other public uses and requirements.

(d) It shall have the power generally to do all things necessary to accomplish the powers and duties hereinabove outlined and set forth, which shall include the right to employ

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persons and to purchase materials or supplies within the framework of its budget and appropriations.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this title shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this title.

Section 3. Publication and Effective Date. A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the city. This ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after such publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, WASHINGTON, at a regular meeting thereof this 28th day of May 2019.

APPROVED:




David M. Viafore, Mayor Pro Tempore

ATTEST:



Jessica Nappi, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael B. Smith, City Attorney

**DATE OF PUBLICATION:
EFFECTIVE DATE:**