

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 520

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON,
RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE HEARING EXAMINER TO
INCLUDE ACTING AS THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CODES ADOPTED IN TITLE 15;
AMENDING SECTION 2.15.070 OF THE BURIEN MUNICIPAL
CODE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Section 2.15.070 of the Burien Municipal Code provides for the duties of the Hearing examiner; and

WHEREAS, the foregoing section includes provisions for the Hearing Examiner to act as the board of appeals for the purposes of the Uniform Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Building Code is no longer in effect in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Burien finds that it would be in the best interests of the City to amend Section 2.15.070 to establish and clarify the Hearing Examiners duties to include acting as the board of appeals for the purposes of the Building and Construction Codes adopted in Title 15 of the Burien Municipal Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amending Section 2.15.070 BMC (Duties of the examiner). Section 2.15.070(3) of the Burien Municipal Code is hereby amended (amendments shown in legislative revisions marks) to read as follows:

2.15.070 Duties of the examiner.

The examiner shall consider the matters set forth below.

(1) Applications and Appeals – Final Decision. The examiner shall receive and examine available information, conduct public hearings, prepare a record thereof, and enter findings of fact and conclusions based upon those facts, which conclusions shall represent the final action on the application, unless appealed, as specified herein, for the following type of applications and appeals.

(a) Applications.

(i) Applications for residential condominium binding site plan;

(ii) Applications for shoreline substantial development permits when combined with other land use applications pursuant to KCC 25.32.080.

(b) Appeals.

- (i) Appeals from the decision of the director regarding short subdivisions;
- (ii) Appeal of administrative decision on building permits, grading permits and temporary use permit pursuant to review of the zoning code;
- (iii) Appeals from notices and orders issued pursuant to KCC Title 23 as adopted by reference;
- (iv) Appeal from decisions of the director on requests for rate adjustments to surface and storm water management rates and charges.

(2) Applications – Recommendation to Council. Until such time as the planning commission is created and its duties and procedures are adopted, the examiner shall receive and examine available information, conduct public hearings, prepare a record thereof and enter findings of fact and conclusions, based upon those facts, together with a recommendation to the city council, for the following applications:

- (a) Applications for preliminary plats;
- (b) Applications for shoreline environment redesignation.

(3) The examiner shall act as the board of appeals for the purposes of the ~~Uniform Building Code~~. Building and Construction Codes adopted in BMC Title 15.

(4) Other applications or appeals which the council may prescribe by ordinance.

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2009, AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.

CITY OF BURIEN

/s/ Joan McGilton, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

/s/ Monica Lusk, City Clerk

Approved as to form:
/s/ Christopher Bacha, Interim City Attorney
Kenyon Disend, PLLC

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