

SENATE BILL NO. 18—COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

(ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FERNLEY)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing required meetings of planning commissions in certain counties. (BDR 22-307)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to land use planning; revising requirements regarding the frequency of meetings of planning commissions in certain counties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the planning commission of a city, county or region, as applicable, to hold at least one regular meeting in each month. (NRS 278.050) This bill requires each planning commission in a county whose population is less than 100,000 (currently all counties other than Clark and Washoe Counties) to hold at least one regular meeting in each quarter. Each planning commission in a county whose population is 100,000 or more (currently Clark and Washoe Counties) is still required to hold at least one regular meeting in each month.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 278.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
278.050 1. ~~The~~ *Each* commission :
(a) *In a county whose population is 100,000 or more* shall hold at least one regular meeting in each month.
(b) *In a county whose population is less than 100,000 shall hold at least one regular meeting in each quarter.*



2. The commission shall adopt rules for transaction of business and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations, which record is a public record.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, in a county whose population is 700,000 or more, the commission shall not grant to an applicant or authorized representative thereof more than two continuances requested by the applicant or authorized representative on the same matter, unless the commission determines, upon good cause shown, that the granting of additional continuances is warranted. If the commission grants a continuance pursuant to this subsection for good cause shown, the person on whose behalf the continuance was granted must make a good faith effort to resolve the issues concerning which the continuance was requested.

4. An applicant or authorized representative thereof may request a continuance on a matter on behalf of an officer or employee of a city or county, a member of the commission or any owner of property that may be directly affected by the matter. If the commission grants the continuance, the continuance must not be counted toward the limitation on the granting of continuances set forth in subsection 3 relating to that matter.

5. As used in this section:

(a) "Applicant" means the person who owns the property to which the application pending before the commission pertains.

(b) "Good cause" includes, without limitation:

(1) The desire by the applicant or authorized representative thereof to:

(I) Revise plans, drawings or other documents relating to the matter;

(II) Engage in negotiations concerning the matter with any person or governmental entity; or

(III) Retain counsel to represent him or her in the matter.

(2) Circumstances relating to the matter that are beyond the control of the applicant or authorized representative thereof.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

