AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF TWIN OAKS REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 400.550 of the Twin Oaks City Code, the Board of Aldermen may from time to time, on its own motion or on petition of the Planning and Zoning Commission, amend, supplement, change, modify or repeal by ordinance the regulations or districts herein or subsequently established after receiving the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and report; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Board of Aldermen made a text amendment to the code to allow for more participation by Twin Oaks' citizens on the Planning and Zoning Commission by raising the number of citizen members; but has since that time found it difficult to fill the volunteer positions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen now seeks to again amend Section 400.520 of the Twin Oaks Zoning Regulations, Chapter 400 of the Municipal Code (hereinafter the "Zoning Code") to restore the citizen membership on the Planning and Zoning Commission to seven (7) members (the "Amendment"); and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that the Board of Aldermen approve of the proposed Amendment to the Zoning Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen, after careful and due deliberation and following a duly noticed public hearing held on June 15, 2022, in accordance with § 400.550 and § 89.060 RSMo., has concluded that the adoption of the proposed Amendment is in the best interests of health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TWIN OAKS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 400 of the Twin Oaks Municipal Code, the Zoning Regulations, Article XV Planning and Zoning Commission, Section 400.520, Membership, is hereby amended by reducing the number of citizen members from nine (9) to seven (7) and the total membership from not more than eleven (11) to not more than nine (9), to read as follows:

Section 400.520. Membership.

There is hereby created and established a Planning and Zoning Commission for the City to be known as the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall have a membership of not more than nine (9) nor less than seven (7) members, consisting of seven (7) citizens appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor, if the Mayor chooses to be a member; and a member of the Board of Aldermen selected by the Board, if the Board chooses to have a member serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission. All citizen members of the Planning and Zoning

Commission shall serve without compensation. The term of each of the citizen members shall be for four (4) years, except that terms of the citizen members first appointed shall be for varying periods so that succeeding terms will be staggered. Any vacancy in a membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment as aforesaid. The Board of Aldermen may remove any citizen member for cause stated in writing and after public hearing.

Section 2. The recitals contained in the *Whereas* clauses are expressly incorporated in and made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AFTER HAVING BEEN READ IN FULL OR BY TITLE TWO TIMES PRIOR TO PASSAGE BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF TWIN OAKS, MISSOURI, THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE 2022.

Russ Fortune, Mayor

Attest:

Frank Johnson, City Clerk/Administrator