

ORDINANCE 2026-3

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE BELLE MEADE MUNICIPAL CODE
TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION
MEMBERS.**

WHEREAS, the City of Belle Meade, pursuant to State of Tennessee zoning enabling legislation, Tenn. Code Ann. §§13-7-203 and 204, has adopted a Zoning and Land Use Control Ordinance (“Zoning Ordinance”) contained in Title 14 of the Belle Meade Municipal Code, which creates a municipal planning commission and establishes standards governing land use and the construction and improvement of structures within the City;

WHEREAS, Tennessee Statute 13-4-101(a)(1) states that municipal planning commission shall consist of not less than five (5) members and not more than ten (10) members, the number of members within the limits to be determined by the chief legislative body;

WHEREAS, the number of municipal planning commissioner members that represent the interests of the municipality should reflect the population size. ;

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census population for Belle Meade was 2,901 residents;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends the proposed changes contained in this Zoning Ordinance amendment to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, public notice has been given and public hearing held on this Zoning Ordinance amendment in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. §§13-7-203 and 204;

NOW, THEREFORE:

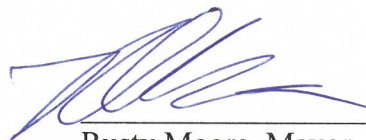
SECTION ONE: BE ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE that Title Fourteen of the Belle Meade Municipal Code is hereby repealed and the proposed ordinance attached hereto as Exhibit 1 adopted as the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Belle Meade.

SECTION TWO: BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS REQUIRING IT.

Reviewed and Recommended by Planning Commission:

Passed on first reading: May 20, 2026

Passed on Second Reading after Public Hearing: June 17, 2026


Rusty Moore, Mayor

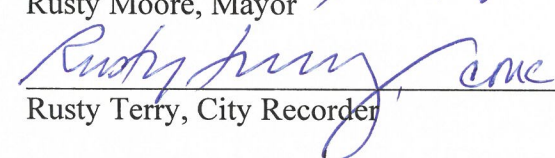

Rusty Terry, City Recorder

Exhibit 1

14-101 Creation, Membership, Terms, Vacancies, Quorum, Etc.

1. There is created and established a municipal planning commission, the same to be known as the Municipal Planning Commission of the City of Belle Meade. The planning commission shall consist of ~~ten~~ seven members. One of the members shall be the mayor and another shall be a commissioner chosen by the board of commissioners. The other ~~eight~~ five members shall be appointed by the mayor who shall make the appointment in writing and shall file said written appointment with the city recorder. The terms of the mayor and the commissioner elected to the planning commission shall be concurrent with the term of such commission members on the board of commissioners. The ~~eight~~ five members initially appointed by the mayor shall serve until the end of their terms as established by prior ordinances and upon expiration of these terms, the mayor shall appoint their successors, each of whom shall serve a term of three years so that the terms of two or three members of said commission shall expire each year. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor, who shall also have authority to accept the resignation of any such appointed member. Any member of the planning commission may be removed before the expiration of their term by the mayor with the consensus of the board of commissioners.
2. The presence of ~~five (5)~~ four (4) members shall constitute a quorum. Any matter or proposal before the planning commission may be approved by a majority vote of those present. Failure to receive such approval shall constitute a rejection or denial of such matter or proposal.