## ORDINANCE NO. 10-038

## THE PLANNING AND THE ZONING COMMISSION

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The ordinance initially adopted by the Town of Thompson April 29, 1967 regarding the Planning Commission as amended regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission at Town Meeting December 3, 1973 and March 8, 1980 is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The Town of Thompson hereby amends its ordinance adopted December 3, 1973 creating a Zoning Commission and its ordinance adopted April 19, 1967 creating a Planning Commission, to combine the two commissions.

Section 1: The Town of Thompson hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 2: The combined Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of ten (10) members and three (3) alternate members. At each biennial election members and alternates shall be elected to the commission for terms of six (6) years to replace those whose terms are due to expire. Vacancies occurring on the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be filled from the alternate membership by majority vote of the remaining commission members. Vacancies occurring among the alternate members shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of such alternate's term. Alternate replacement members shall be made on a party basis.

<u>Section 3</u>: The Planning and Zoning Commission is authorized to adopt by-laws and such other procedures as it may deem necessary for the efficient management of its business. A copy of any such by-laws shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Nothing in

this amendment shall be construed to affect the validity of regulations previously adopted by the Planning Commission or by the Zoning Commission or in any way affect the Zoning Board of Appeals.

## Proposed Ordinance for Town Meeting

ORDINANCE NO. TBD

## THE PLANNING AND THE ZONING COMMISSION

Section 1: The Town of Thompson hereby adopts the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

<u>Section 2:</u> There shall be a Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Thompson, which shall have all the powers and duties prescribed by Chapters 124 and 126 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be hereafter amended.

<u>Section 3:</u> The combined Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of nine (9) members and three (3) alternate members. At each biennial election members and alternates shall be elected to the commission for terms of six (6) years to replace those whose terms are due to expire. Vacancies occurring on the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of such term. Replacement members shall be made on a party basis.

<u>Section 4:</u> Alternate members shall attend all meetings and shall take the place of a regular member when a regular member is absent from a meeting. When taking the place of an absent regular member, such alternate member shall be counted toward a quorum and shall have all the voting rights of the absent member. The Chairperson shall rotate alternates to serve in this capacity, as needed.

<u>Section 5</u>: The Planning and Zoning Commission is authorized to adopt by-laws and such other procedures as it may deem necessary for the efficient management of its business. A copy of any such by-laws shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

Section 6: Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and alternate members shall be chosen in the following manner: as soon as is practicable after the adoption of this ordinance, the board of selectmen shall warn an election for twelve (12) suitable persons to serve on the planning and zoning commission. Four (4) for terms ending in November 2023, four (4) for terms ending in November 2027. Each group shall consist of three (3) regular members and one (1) alternate member.