

CHAPTER 15

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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ARTICLE I.

IN GENERAL

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ARTICLE II.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sec. 15-16. Created.

There shall be and is hereby created and established a planning commission in and for the City. (Ord. of 9-11-67; Ord of 2-11-80, {1)

Sec. 15-17. Composition.

The planning commission shall consist of seven (7) members. (Ord. of 9-11-67, I; Ord. of 2-11-80, {2)

Sec. 15-18. Appointment.

The members of the planning commission shall be nominated by the mayor, and approved by the council. (Ord. of 9-11-67, {1; Ord. of 2-11-80, {3)

Sec. 15-19. Compensation.

All members of the municipal planning commission shall serve without compensation. (Ord. of 9-11-67, {1; Ord. of 2-11-80,{7)

Sec. 15-20. Officers.

The planning commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson, who shall serve for one year or until such person is reelected or a successor is elected. A second appointive member shall be elected as vice-chairperson and shall serve for one year or until such person is re-elected or a successor is elected. The planning commission shall appoint a secretary, who may be an officer or an employee, of the City or of the planning commission.

(Ord. of 9-11-67, {2; Ord. of 2-11-80, {8)

Sec. 15-21. Meetings.

The planning commission shall meet at least once each month at the call of the chairperson and at such other times as the chairperson or the commission shall determine.

(Ord. of 9-11-67, {2; Ord. of 2-11-80, {9)

Sec. 15-22. Rules and regulations.

The rules, regulations and provisions contained in Chapter 69-12 of the Georgia Code Annotated governing the creation, appointment, organization, powers and duties of municipal and county planning commissions are hereby adopted as the rules, regulations and provisions governing the planning commission of this City. (Ord. of 2-11-80, {10)

Sec. 15-23. Records.

The planning commission shall keep a record of its proceedings, which record shall be open to public inspection. (Ord. of 9-11-67, {2; Ord. of 2-11-80, {11)

Sec. 15-24. Personnel.

Employees and staff may be appointed by the planning commission as necessary.

(Ord. of 9-11-67, {2; Ord. of 2-11-80, {12)

Sec. 15-25. Powers and duties - Generally.

The municipal planning commission shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of existing conditions and probable future developments and prepare plans for physical, social and economic growth in an effort to promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, prosperity or general welfare of the City. (Ord. of 2-11-80, {13)

Sec. 15-26. Same - Specified.

In carrying out its objectives the planning commission shall have the following specific powers and duties:

- (1) To prepare a master plan or parts thereof for the development of the city;
- (2) To prepare and recommend for adoption a zoning ordinance and map for the city;
- (3) To prepare and recommend for adoption regulations for the subdivision of land within the city limits and to administer the regulations that may be adopted;
- (4) To prepare and recommend for adoption a plat or plats or an official map showing the

exact location of the boundary lines of existing, proposed, extended, widened or narrowed streets, public open spaces or public building sites and provide for the regulation of construction of buildings or other structures within such lines;

- (5) To cooperate with, contract with or accept funds from federal, state or local public or quasi-public agencies and to expend such funds; and
- (6) To exercise all other powers and duties conferred upon municipal planning commissions by Chapter 69-12 of the Georgia Code Annotated and by any other provisions of state law. (Ord. of 9-11-67, {3; Ord. of 2-11-80, {13)

Sec. 15-27. Terms.

Except for the initial appointment of members to the planning commission, the terms of the members shall be for three (3) years each. Two (2) of the members first appointed shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, three (3) shall be appointed for a two (2) year term, and one shall be appointed for a one year term. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. (Ord. of 9-11-67, {1; Ord. of 2-11-80, {4)

Sec. 15-28. Vacancies.

Vacancies occurring in the membership of the planning commission shall be filled by appointments for unexpired terms only and in the same manner as for original appointments. (Ord. of 9-11-67, {1; Ord. of 2-11-80, {5)

Sec. 15-29. Removal.

Any member of the planning commission may be removed by the mayor and council for cause after written notice and a public hearing. (Ord. of 9-11-67, {1; Ord. of 2-11-80, {6)