

Chapter 14

PLANNING*

Art. I. In General, §§ 14-1–14-30

Art. II. Planning and Zoning Commission, §§ 14-31–14-35

***Cross references**—Buildings and building regulations, ch. 4; mobile home parks, ch. 9; parks and recreation, ch. 13; streets and sidewalks, ch. 16.

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Secs. 14-1–14-30. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION*

Sec. 14-31. Creation; composition; vacancies; compensation.

There is hereby created and established a planning and zoning commission for the city. The commission shall be comprised of five places, one member shall occupy each place, and shall be appointed by the city council. The terms for the original commissioners for places one, three, and five shall be until March 1, 1991, and the terms for places two and four shall be until March 1, 1989. Upon the expiration of the respective terms of office for such members, they or their successors, shall be appointed thereafter for terms of four years. Should a vacancy occur in the middle of a term the mayor shall appoint a replacement to finish out the remainder of the term subject to approval of the city council. Each member shall subscribe to the official statutory oath as a member of the planning and zoning commission and shall serve without compensation. The mayor, city engineer, city attorney and city building inspector shall be ex officio members of this commission and shall serve in an advisory capacity and cooperate with the commission. All necessary employees and services deemed necessary shall be furnished by the mayor on instructions from the city council.

(Ord. No. 02-02-87, § I, 2-9-87)

Sec. 14-32. Officers; rules and regulations.

The planning and zoning commission shall elect a president, vice-president and secretary from its membership and shall make its own rules, regulations, and by-laws for its own government. It shall conform as nearly as possible with those regulations governing the city council and same shall be approved by such council. Such by-laws shall include, among other provisions:

- (1) All regular and special meetings must be open to the public.
- (2) Records of its proceedings shall be open for inspection by the public.
- (3) Holding of public hearings and hearings on its recommendations.
- (4) Report to the governing body and to the public from time to time and provide a written report of the year's progress and plan for the next year by March 1 of each year.

(Ord. No. 02-02-87, § II, 2-9-87)

*Cross reference—Administration, ch. 2.

Sec. 14-33. Powers and duties.

The planning and zoning commission shall have the power and it shall be its duty to make and recommend a master plan as a whole or in part for the future development and redevelopment of the city and its environs, and shall have the power and it shall be their duty to prepare a comprehensive plan and ordinance for zoning the city in accordance with state statutes. The commission shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinances or state law or authorized by the city council. The commission shall also serve as the authority for all cases under Vernon's Ann. Civ. St. art. 974a in regard to review and approval of any subdivisions.

(Ord. No. 02-02-87, § III, 2-9-87)

Sec. 14-34. Council to be final reviewing body.

The city council shall be the final reviewing body in so far as decisions of the planning and zoning commission are concerned.

(Ord. No. 02-02-87, § IV, 2-9-87)

Sec. 14-35. Penalty.

Any person in violation of the provisions set out in section 14-34 shall be subject to punishment in accordance with section 1-14.

(Ord. No. 02-02-87, § VI, 2-9-87)