

DIVISION 8. PLANNING COMMISSION*

*Cross reference(s)--Subdivisions, ch. 66; zoning, ch. 86.

Sec. 2-286. Established.

A planning commission is hereby established.

State law reference—Planning commissions, Minn. Stat. § 462.354, subd. 1(1).

Sec. 2-287. Composition; appointments; election of officers.

The planning commission shall be composed of seven members.

Planning commission members shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms. None of such members shall hold any other office or position in the city government. The commission shall elect its chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the appointed members.

Sec. 2-288. Powers and duties.

(a) The planning commission shall have power and shall be required to:

- (1) Develop and submit to the council for adoption a master plan for the physical development of the city, and from time to time offer amendments, extensions and additions to such master plan which shall show the commission's recommendations for the development of city territory. Such plan may include, among other things:
 - a. The general location, character and extent of streets, bridges, parks, waterways, and other public ways, grounds and spaces;
 - b. The general location of public buildings and other public property;
 - c. The general location and extent of public utilities, whether publicly or privately owned;
 - d. Contemplated changes in the removal, relocation, widening, vacation or abandonment of existing or future public ways, grounds, spaces, buildings, property or utilities; and
 - e. Maps, plats, charts, and descriptive and explanatory matter detailing an overall plan for future development.

The adoption of such proposed plan or part, amendment or extension thereof shall be by resolution of such planning commission carried by the affirmative votes of not less than a majority of all members, but before the adoption of such plan, or any part or modification or extension thereof, the commission shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed action. Upon the adoption an attested copy of such plan or amendment or extension thereof shall be certified to the council.

- (2) Draft for the council an official map and zoning plans of the city and recommend or disapprove proposed changes in such map or plans.
- (3) Promote public interest in and understanding of the master plan, and of planning, zoning and physical development of the city.
- (4) Meet not less than once each month and keep a public record of its resolutions, findings and determinations.

(b) The planning commission shall have power to:

- (1) Require information which shall be furnished within a reasonable time from the other departments of the city government in relation to its work.
- (2) In the performance of its functions enter upon any land and make examinations and surveys and place and maintain necessary monuments and marks thereon.
- (3) Make recommendations as to the constructions, extension or authorization in the city of any street, park or other public way, ground or space, or as to the acquisition by the city of any real property, or as to the construction, extension or authorization by the city of any public building, with full information as to the type, specifications, location and extent thereof. The widening, narrowing, relocation, vacation, or change in the use of any street, public way or ground, may also be subject to recommendations by the planning commission to the council.

Sec. 2-289. Veto power of council.

Any action of the planning commission may be overruled on any issue by a majority vote of the council.

Sec. 2-290. Debt.

The council shall, in its budget, make provision for and appropriate such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the expense of the official activities and work of the planning commission.

Sec. 2-291. Compensation.

Planning commission members shall serve without compensation.