

CHAPTER 1

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD (167, 558, 1620, 4476, 4960)

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2-1-1: MEMBERSHIP:

There is hereby created a Planning and Zoning Board to consist of seven (7) representative citizens of the City. Members of the Board shall hold no other City office, shall reside within the limits of the City, and shall be appointed as provided in Subsection (B) of Section 501 of the City Charter. (167, 558)

2-1-2: TERM OF OFFICE:

The members of the Planning and Zoning Board shall serve for staggered three- (3-) year terms and until their successors are duly appointed. At the time of the original appointment under this Chapter, the Mayor shall designate the length of the term of all of the members to provide for staggered terms, which in no event shall be more than three (3) years. (167, 558)

2-1-3: VACANCIES; ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS:

Continued absence of any member from meetings of the Board shall, at the discretion of the City Council, render any such member liable for immediate removal from office by the Council. Any member absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without being excused shall be considered as having vacated his appointment. Whenever a member of the Board ceases to reside in the City, a vacancy on the Board is created. (167, 558, 1620)

2-1-4: COMPENSATION:

The members of the Planning and Zoning Board shall serve as such without compensation. (167, 558)

2-1-5: DUTIES:

- (A) The duties of the Board, in addition to any other matters directed by the City Council, shall be to study the development of the City and from time to time as may be necessary place before the Council recommendations for the better development of the City and contiguous areas surrounding the City with the intent that a complete and unified plan may be achieved. (4960)
- (B) Such duties may include the ability to review and make recommendations concerning joint public/private projects in designated re-development areas and propose re-development actions to the City Council which are consistent with adopted plans and stated re-development goals and the objectives for the downtown area. The Board shall hold public hearings on proposed re-development plans or amendments to adopted plans. Such recommendations shall be advisory only and shall not be binding upon the City Council. (4960)

- (C) The Board shall also prepare and present to the Council a Zoning Ordinance and map recommending the boundaries of the various districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein. The Board shall make a preliminary report on such proposed Ordinance and map and shall hold public hearings thereon before submitting its final report. (167, 558, 4476, 4960)

2-1-6: HEARINGS; FINAL ACTION: (167, 558, 4476, 4960)

- (A) The Council shall take action on the recommendation(s) of the Planning and Zoning Board. The recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board or the Planning Hearing Officer shall be forwarded to City Council, and shall be advisory only and shall not be binding upon the Council. (4960)
- (B) The Council may also initiate any proposed amendment, change, or modification to such Zoning Ordinance and map. The Council may not approve the amendment, change or modification until it is noticed and heard by the Planning and Zoning Board, or Planning Hearing Officer. For public hearing and recommendation under same process as a zoning case filed by a property owner. The recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board or the Planning Hearing Officer shall be forwarded to City Council, and shall be advisory only and shall not be binding upon the Council. (4960)