

Sec. 10.1. - Planning commission—Organization and qualifications.

- (a) There is hereby created a city planning commission which shall consist of five (5) members.
- (b) The membership shall consist of five (5) persons appointed by the council, not members of the council.
- (c) The city council shall appoint three (3) alternate members to serve in the absence of regular members.
- (d) All members of the planning commission shall be residents of the city.
- (e) The appointed members shall hold no other position with the city.
- (f) The city manager or his authorized representative shall serve in an advisory capacity to the planning commission.
- (g) The compensation, if any, of the members of the planning commission shall be determined by [the] council.
- (h) The planning commission shall elect its chairman annually from among its members, and may adopt its own rules of procedure not inconsistent with this Charter or the ordinances of the city.
- (i) Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all planning commission business and the rendering of decisions.

(Ord. No. 1016, § 4(40), 2-16-93, passed 4-6-93; Amd. of 11-1-11, § 4)

Sec. 10.2. - Planning commission—Term of members and vacancies.

- (a) The term of each appointed regular member shall be three (3) years, except that of the members first appointed, two (2) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) for two (2) years and (1) for three (3) years.
- (b) The terms of appointed alternate members shall be as is provided in this section for appointed regular members.
- (c) Any vacancy during the unexpired term of a member shall be filled by council appointment for the remainder of the term.
- (d) A vacancy shall exist when any member dies; resigns; is removed for cause by a majority vote of the entire council in office at the time the vote is taken; ceases to be a resident of the city; is incapacitated to an extent which prohibits him from properly performing his duties as a member; absents himself from three (3) consecutive meetings of the planning commission without excuse given by a majority vote of the members of the planning commission present and voting; is sentenced by a court of law for any act constituting misconduct in office or constituting a felony; or is judicially declared mentally ill.

(Ord. No. 1016, § 4(41), 2-16-93, passed 4-6-93; Amd. of 11-1-11, § 5)

Sec. 10.3. - Planning commission—Powers, duties and functions.

- (a) Subject to review and final approval by the council, the planning commission shall have the following powers, duties and functions:
 - (1) To make, amend, and add to the master plan for the physical development of the city as defined in section 10.7.
 - (2) To exercise control over platting and subdividing land within [the] city and to be responsible for advising [the] council in this regard.

- (3) To be responsible for the existence of an official zoning ordinance and zoning map of the city and advise [the] council in this regard, including recommending changes thereto.
 - (4) To conduct hearings and make recommendations to [the] council regarding proposed rezoning in the city.
 - (5) To make and recommend, as provided in section 10.9, plans for the clearing and rebuilding of slum districts and blighted areas within the city.
 - (6) To request the city manager to contract with city planners and other consultants for services as it may require within its budget appropriations.
 - (7) To make and adopt plans for the replanning, improvement, and redevelopment of areas in the city.
 - (8) To be responsible for a major street plan for the city, including the acceptance and vacation of rights-of-way, and making recommendations to [the] council in this regard.
 - (9) To exercise such powers, duties and functions not otherwise required by this Charter or by ordinance, as are set forth in the general law of Colorado for the planning commission.
- (b) The planning commission shall meet as necessary to perform its duties.
 - (c) All meetings and records of the planning commission shall be open to the public. Minutes shall be kept of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon every question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact.
 - (d) Minutes for the planning commission shall be kept.
 - (e) The planning commission shall be responsible solely to the council and shall not be considered a part of any city department.

(Ord. No. 1016, § 4(42), 2-16-93, passed 4-6-93)

State Law reference— Planning commission, CRS, § 31-23-201 et seq.