

**Section 4.14. City Planning Commission.**

The City Planning Commission shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the City Council after appropriate interviews conducted by a committee of three (3) Council members. No member of the City Council may also serve as a member of the Planning Commission. Planning Commission members shall serve terms of four (4) years, and their terms shall be staggered so that the terms of no more than two (2) members of the Planning Commission shall expire at any one time.

The Commission shall elect its chairman from among the appointed members and create and fill such other of its offices as it may determine. The term of the chairman shall be for one year, with eligibility for re-election. The Commission shall hold at least one regular meeting in each month. It shall adopt rules for resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations, which record shall be a public record.

The Planning Commission is hereby charged with the duty, as organized, of drawing up a suitable zoning ordinance to be presented to the City Council.

The Planning Commission will be charged with the preparation of a proposed master plan; the commission shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present conditions and future growth of the municipality with due regard to its relation to neighboring territory. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the municipality and its environs, which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; including among other things, adequate provisions for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements. The Planning Commission shall recommend the adoption of the master plan to the City Council, who shall adopt the same by ordinance.

(Ord. No. 2001-31, § 1(2C), 9-4-01; Ord. No. 2011-30, § 1(5), 8-16-11)