

Chapter 5: Planning Commission Section

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4-5-1. Planning Commission established.

There is hereby established a Tooele County Planning Commission.

4-5-2. Membership – Terms.

(1) The Planning Commission shall consist of seven members and three alternate members, all appointed by the council.

(2) Persons who serve as elected or appointed officials in other political subdivisions are ineligible for appointment to the Planning Commission.

(3) Persons who serve as elected county officials are ineligible for appointment to the Planning Commission.

(4) All members and alternate members shall serve four-year terms.

(5) No more than three members may reside outside the area over which the Planning Commission has jurisdiction.

4-5-3. Chair – Meetings – Quorum – Staff.

(1) Members shall annually elect a chair at the first Planning Commission meeting held each calendar year.

(2) The Chair shall not serve more than two full terms.

(3) The Planning Commission shall meet as needed to fulfill its duties and responsibilities.

(4) The Planning Commission may adopt policies and procedures for the conduct of its meetings, the processing of applications, and for any other purposes considered necessary for the functioning of the Planning Commission.

(5) A majority of the Planning Commission constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting Planning Commission business, and the action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the Planning Commission.

(6) The Community Development Department shall provide administrative support to the Planning Commission.

4-5-4. Powers and duties.

(1) The Planning Commission shall, with respect to the unincorporated area of the County, make recommendations to the council for:

(a) a general plan and amendments to the general plan;

(b) land use ordinances and amendments to the land use ordinance;

(c) zoning maps and amendments to the zoning maps; and

(d) other plans or policies that affect land use.

(2) The Planning Commission and its authorized agents may enter upon any land at reasonable

times to make examinations and surveys related to its duties or enforcement of the land use ordinance or county code.

4-5-5. Ex parte communications.

- (1) Members and alternate members shall not participate in ex parte communications with individuals or organizations involved in or opposed to any pending or impending land use application or legal proceedings with the county involving land use issues.
- (2) If any such ex parte communication occurs, the involved member or alternate member shall disclose the communication at the next Planning Commission meeting and shall recuse from all further participation in the matter.

4-5-6. Compensation.

Members and alternate members may receive per diem compensation based on necessary and reasonable expenses and on meetings attended.

4-5-7. Land use authority.

The Planning Commission is hereby designated as a land use authority for Tooele County.