

CHAPTER 8: ZONING AND PLANNING

Article 2. PLANNING

Section 8201. Creation of Planning Commission. A city planning commission is created pursuant to the provisions of Act. No. 285 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for 1931, as amended. It shall be known as the City Planning Commission.

Section 8202. Membership of the City Planning Commission. The City Planning Commission shall consist of nine members who shall represent insofar as possible different professions and occupations. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to approval by a majority of the City Council. Each member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, commencing on expiration of the appointee's predecessor's term, and shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments.

All members of the Commission may be compensated at a rate to be determined by the City Council, and shall hold no other municipal office, except that one of the members may be a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Section 8203. Removal of Member. Members of the City Planning Commission may, after public hearing, be removed by the Mayor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, provided that such removal be approved by the City Council.

Section 8204. Meetings and Records. The City Planning Commission shall annually elect its chairperson from amongst the appointed members and create and fill such other of its offices as it may determine. The City Planning Commission shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting in each month. It may adopt rules for transactions, findings, and determinations, and its records shall be public records open to inspection in the office of the Clerk.

Section 8205. Contracts for Services. The City Planning Commission may recommend to the Council that it contract with city planners, engineers, architects, and other consultants for such specialized services as the Commission deems desirable. The City Council may appropriate such funds for city planning as the Council deems advisable. The Commission shall not expend funds in excess of amounts appropriated by the City Council.

Section 8206. Powers and Duties of City Planning Commission. The City Planning Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) The preparation and adoption of a master plan;
- b) The making of surveys as a basis for such plans;
- c) The approval of public improvements;
- d) The approval of plats;
- e) Such other rights, powers, duties, and responsibilities as are provided in Sections 6 to 15 of Public Act No. 285 of 1931, as amended, Public Act No. 207 of 1921, as amended, and in the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Frankfort, as amended.

Section 8207. Reports and Recommendations. The City Planning Commission shall make reports and recommendations to the City Council; provided that no such recommendation shall be binding upon the Council.