

§ 1.06.031. Created; composition.

To exercise the powers authorized by this division, the city council may appoint a planning and zoning commission, which shall be composed of five (5) members with the option of two (2) alternates.

(Ordinance 320 adopted 8/20/15 ; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.031)

§ 1.06.032. Appointment, qualifications and terms of members.

(a) The planning and zoning commission shall be composed of five (5) members with two (2) alternates. Members shall serve staggered terms of two (2) years, with odd-numbered seats running from August 1st through July 31st of odd-numbered years and even-numbered seats running from August 1st through July 31st of even-numbered years and until their successors have been appointed and qualified. If seats have not been designated as even or odd, such designation will be made by a drawing conducted by the city secretary within 30 days of the adoption of this section.

(b) Members and alternates must be current resident citizens and registered voters of the city or Bandera County.

(Ordinance 394 adopted 10/19/21)

§ 1.06.033. Election of chairman and vice-chairman.

From the members of the planning and zoning commission appointed by the city council, there shall be a chairman and vice-chairman elected by the members at the first planning and zoning commission meeting held after the appointment of new members.

(1989 Code, sec. 2-93; Ordinance 215 adopted 6/21/01 ; Ordinance adopting 2009 Code; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.033; Ordinance adopting 2023 Code)

§ 1.06.034. Term of chairman and vice-chairman.

The election of a chairman and vice-chairman of the planning and zoning commission shall be for a one-year period. However, should the members decide the same officers should serve consecutive terms, this would be permitted, but only after the normal voting procedure described in section 1.06.033 is followed.

(1989 Code, sec. 2-94; Ordinance 215 adopted 6/21/01 ; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.034)

§ 1.06.035. Vacancies.

All vacancies on the planning and zoning commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original appointments.

(1989 Code, sec. 2-95; Ordinance 215 adopted 6/21/01 ; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.035)

§ 1.06.036. Removal of members.

Members of the planning and zoning commission serve at the pleasure of the city council and may be removed by a majority vote of the city council.

(Ordinance 327 adopted 4/6/17 ; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.036)

§ 1.06.037. Compensation of members.

The members of the planning and zoning commission shall serve without compensation. (1989 Code, sec. 2-97; Ordinance 215 adopted 6/21/01 ; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.037)

§ 1.06.038. Organization; meetings; reports.

(a) The planning and zoning commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from its membership. It shall have the power to make all rules, regulations and bylaws for its own government, which shall conform as nearly as possible with those governing the city council, and they shall be subject to approval by the city council. Such bylaws shall include, among other items, provisions for:

- (1) Regular and special meetings, which shall be open to the public;
- (2) Records of its proceedings, which shall be open for inspection to the public;
- (3) Reports to the governing body and the public, from time to time and annually; and
- (4) The holding of public hearings on its recommendations.

(b) Regular meetings of the planning and zoning commission shall be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
(Ordinance 334 adopted 6/5/17 ; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.038)

§ 1.06.039. Powers and duties.

The planning and zoning commission is hereby charged with the duty and invested with the authority to:

- (1) Inspect property and premises at reasonable hours where required in the discharge of its responsibilities under the laws of the state and the city.
- (2) Formulate and recommend to the city council for its adoption a comprehensive/master plan for the orderly growth and development of the city and its environs, and from time to time recommend such changes in the plan as it finds will facilitate the movement of people and goods, and the health, recreation, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the city.
- (3) Formulate a zoning plan as may be deemed best to carry out the goals of the comprehensive/master plan; hold public hearings and make recommendations to the city council relating to the creation, amendment, and implementation of zoning regulations and districts as provided in chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, authorizing cities to pass regulations; all powers granted under this act are specifically adopted and made a part hereof.
- (4) Exercise all of the powers of a commission as to the recommendation to the city council of plans, plats, or replats and vacations of plans, plats or replats set out in chapter 212 of the Texas Local Government Code or any successor statute passed or enacted for the same or similar purpose.

- (5) Study and recommend on the location, extension and planning of public rights-of-way, parks or other public places, and on the vacating or closing of same.
 - (6) Study and make recommendations concerning the capital improvements program, including the construction of public buildings, bridges, viaducts, street fixtures and other structures and appurtenances.
 - (7) Study and recommend by request of the city council the design or alteration and location or relocation of works of art which are, or may become, the property of the city.
 - (8) Initiate, in the name of the city, for consideration at public hearings, all proposals:
 - (A) For the original zoning of annexed areas; and
 - (B) For the change of zoning district boundaries on an areawide basis.

No fee shall be required for the filing of any such proposal in the name of the city.
 - (9) Review and make recommendations concerning annexation of land into the city.
 - (10) Keep itself informed with reference to the progress of city planning in similar cities throughout the state and recommend improvements in the adopted plans of the city.
 - (11) Submit each year a progress report to the city council summarizing its activities, major accomplishments, and proposed goals. The report shall contain for the year the attendance record of all members and the identity of commissioned officers.
- (Ordinance 332 adopted 5/22/17 ; 2009 Code, sec. 1.05.039)

§ 1.06.040. through § 1.06.070. (Reserved)