

## Chapter 14

## PLANNING COMMISSION

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Curwensville 2-25-63 as Ord. No. 279. Amendments noted where applicable.]

## GENERAL REFERENCES

Subdivision and land development — See Ch. 96.  
Zoning — See Ch. 110.

## § 14-1. Creation of Planning Commission and Department.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Borough Code and in order to carry the said provisions into effect, there is hereby created in the Borough a Planning Department. In addition, there is created a Borough Planning Commission, which shall be in charge of the Planning Department and shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by law and any other powers vested in it by law or ordinance.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: The Planning Commission is appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Act of July 31, 1968, No. 247, known as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code" (53 P.S. § 10101 et seq.), and shall have such powers as are set forth by the General Assembly in said Act.

**§ 14-2. Composition; appointment; compensation.**

The Borough Planning Commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the Council and shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out their Commission duties.

**§ 14-3. Annual report; employment of technicians; gifts and appropriations.**

The Borough Planning Commission shall make an annual report to the Borough Council, showing its transactions and recommendations. It may employ planning technicians and other persons, whose salaries and wages, together with other necessary expenses of the Commission, shall be provided for, at the discretion of the Borough Council, by proper appropriations and resolutions. The Commission may also receive and expend for the purposes of its planning work any gifts, grants and appropriations of money from any other source, including commonwealth, federal or local funds, and may contract with governmental or private agencies or individuals with respect thereto.

**§ 14-4. Preparation of comprehensive plan.**

The Planning Commission shall have the power and duty to make, adopt and maintain a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the borough and the surrounding territory. Said comprehensive plan shall include, among other things, a land use plan, a thoroughfare plan, a community facilities plan and a public improvements program. In the preparation of the comprehensive plan, the Commission should study population trends, existing land use, the economic base, traffic, existing thoroughfare system and other factors related to the development of the community. The purpose of the comprehensive plan should be to accomplish a coordinated and harmonious development of the community and its environs in accordance with present and future needs. The Commission would have the continuing responsibility for maintaining the comprehensive plan in an up-to-date condition, and in so doing would review and make recommendations to the

Borough Council on all ordinances which pertain to the physical development of the borough.

**§ 14-5. Planning Commission to serve as Zoning Commission.**

The Planning Commission shall serve as the Zoning Commission and may, in pursuance of its duties, prepare or cause to be prepared a Zoning Ordinance for consideration of the Borough Council.<sup>2</sup> The Commission shall have a continuing responsibility to review the ordinance and make recommendations as to proposed amendments.

**§ 14-6. Preparation of subdivision regulations.<sup>3</sup>**

The Planning Commission shall prepare and present to Council land subdivision regulations. The Commission shall assist Council to administer said regulations by reviewing and recommending to Council action to be taken on subdivisions submitted in accordance with established procedures.

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<sup>2</sup> Editor's Note: See Ch. 110, Zoning.

<sup>3</sup> Editor's Note: See Ch. 96, Subdivision and Land Development.