

**Q:** What is zoning?

**A:** Zoning provides the standards and regulations of how properties can be lawfully used and developed in certain areas of Lee County. Zoning is also referred to as Land Use Regulations.

**Q:** Are all unincorporated areas in Lee County zoned?

**A:** No. Only the properties located in election (voting) beat 13 have zoning regulations at this time.

**Q:** How do I get zoning in my area?

**A:** Zoning Regulations apply to an election (voting) beat within an unincorporated area of Lee County whenever the majority of qualified electors in that beat vote in a special election to accept the authority of the Planning Commission. Initially, a petition containing the signatures of at least 15 percent of the voters in the beat who own real estate must be filed with the judge of probate. It is up to the judge of probate to verify the signatures and schedule the special election.

**Q:** How can I check the zoning of a piece of property?

**A:** The quickest way to determine if a piece of property is zoned is to contact the Planning Director or visit the Planning Commission website and view the current Zoning Map.

**Q:** What are your operating hours and how do I contact you?

**A:** 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may contact us by calling 334-737-7014 or visit our office.

**Q:** Where is the Planning Director located?

**A:** The Planning Director's office is presently located in the Building Inspections Department at 100 Orr Avenue, Opelika, AL.

**Q:** How often does the Planning Commission meet?

**A:** The Planning Commission usually holds regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month unless there is no business for the Planning Commission to consider.

**Q:** Where does the Planning Commission hold its meetings?

**A:** Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and are held at the Bennie Adkins Meeting Center, 205 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Opelika, AL.

**Q:** How do I contact members of the Planning Commission?

**A:** Planning Commission members do not have offices but can be contacted by addressing correspondence to them in care of the Planning Director.