

PLANNING COMMISSION

AUTHORITY: Code of Virginia, Section 15.1-437, Staunton City Code, Section 2-219-133

NUMBER MEMBERS: Five (5)

TERM OF OFFICE: Four (4) years

MEETINGS: Meets on 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers

PURPOSE: The prime prerequisite for appointment to the Staunton Planning commission is the member shall be "qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community growth and development. Responsibilities of the Planning Commission cover the range of reviewing all applications for uses permitted on review in accordance with the City's zoning code, the study and report on all proposed amendments to the Zoning Code, and further, to review annually the Zoning code and on the basis of such review, suggesting amendments thereto. Planning Commission shall address itself to the planning needs of the city. The Planning Commission shall promote the orderly development of the City of Staunton and its environs. The establishment of the commission was to encourage the locality to improve public health, safety, convenience or welfare and to plan for the future development of communities to the end that transportation systems be carefully planned, new community centers be developed with adequate highway utility, health educational and recreational facilities. That the needs of agriculture, industry and business be recognized in future growth. The residential areas be provided with healthy surrounding for family life. That the growth of the community be consonant with the efficient and economical use of public funds. The Planning Commission serves in an advisory capacity to Staunton City Council and the City Manager.

The Planning Commission shall cooperate with any region, county or other municipality planning commissions or legislator and administrative bodies and officials of other regions, counties or municipalities within or without such areas so as to coordinate planning and development of such regional areas with the plans of other regions and areas.

A major function of the Planning Commission shall be the consideration of such items as rezoning, closing of alleys, or revision of the zoning ordinance. Such items to be considered have to be advertised prior to the scheduled meeting. Items to be considered by the commission at the regular meeting, will be submitted to the Building Official's Office for preparation and preliminary investigation or study.

Bruce A. Elder - Council Liaison

Sharon E. Angle - Staff Liaison