

## Chapter 50

### PLANNING COMMISSION

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Dallastown 5-9-1960 by Ord. No. 236. Amendments noted where applicable.]

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Subdivision and land development — See Ch. 183.

Zoning — See Ch. 224.

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#### § 50-1. Planning Department and Commission created.

Pursuant to the provisions contained in the Borough Code<sup>1</sup> and in order to carry said provisions into effect, there is hereby created in said 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, ordinance or direction of the Borough Council.

#### § 50-2. Membership; compensation. [Amended 3-13-1995 by Ord. No. 415]

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

#### § 50-3. Annual report to Council; use of funds.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: See 53 P.S. § 45101 et seq.

or individuals with respect thereto, but may not accept funds which must be returned or repaid unless approval of the Borough Council is first obtained.

**§ 50-4. 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.

**§ 50-5. Duties as Zoning Commission.**

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

**§ 50-6. Land subdivision regulations.**

The Planning Commission shall study the land subdivision regulations of the borough, and shall recommend amendments thereto, if desirable, and shall assist the Council to administer said regulations by reviewing and recommending to the Council action to be taken on subdivisions submitted in accordance with established procedures.