

Chapter 35

PLANNING COMMISSION

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GENERAL REFERENCES

Zoning — See Ch. 165.

§ 35-1. **Commission and Department created.**

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 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.

§ 35-2. **Composition of Commission.**

The Borough Planning Commission shall consist of five 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.

§ 35-3. **Annual report.**

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 cooperate with governmental or private agencies or individuals with respect thereto.

§ 35-4. Powers and duties.

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. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan shall be to accomplish a coordinated and harmonious development of the community and its environs in accordance with present and future needs. The Commission shall have the continuing responsibility for maintaining the Comprehensive Plan in an up-to-date condition and, in so doing, shall review and make recommendations to the Borough Council on all ordinances which pertain to the physical development of the borough.

§ 35-5. Zoning preparation.

The Planning Commission shall serve as the Zoning Commission and may, in pursuance of its duties, prepare or cause to be prepared a Zoning Ordinance¹ for consideration of the Borough Council. The Commission shall have a continuing responsibility to review the ordinance and make recommendations as to proposed amendments.

§ 35-6. Subdivision of land preparation.

The Planning Commission shall prepare and present to Council land subdivision regulations.² 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.

¹ Editor's Note: See Ch. 165, Zoning.

² Editor's Note: See Ch. 151, Subdivision of Land.