

Section 825.33. Planning Commission.

Subd. 1. Establishment. A planning commission of seven members is established and shall constitute the planning agency of the city. Members of the planning commission shall be persons who have resided in the city for at least three years immediately preceding appointment. Members shall be appointed by the city council, shall serve staggered terms of three years and may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the full city council. Terms shall begin January 1. No person shall serve more than nine consecutive years on the planning commission. Any person who has served nine consecutive years may be appointed again after an interruption in service of at least one year.

Subd. 2. Powers and Duties. The planning commission shall have such powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by statute or ordinance. All of the planning commission's actions shall be advisory to the city council.

Subd. 3. Organization. The planning commission may elect from among its members such officers as it may deem appropriate. The planning commission may adopt bylaws or operational procedures for the conduct of its business. The bylaws or operational procedures may pertain to such matters as the planning commission deems appropriate but shall not be in conflict with any ordinance or statute.

Subd. 4. Staff Liaison. The zoning administrator or such other person as may be designated by the city administrator shall serve as staff liaison to the planning commission. The staff liaison shall prepare reports and information for the planning commission, and may attend its meetings and participate in hearings and discussions held by the commission but shall not vote on any item before the planning commission.

Subd. 5. Recommendations. The planning commission shall make recommendations to the city council on items before it within a reasonable time or such time as is prescribed by statute or ordinance. Failure by the planning commission to make a recommendation within the required period shall be deemed to be a denial unless the delay is agreed to by the applicant. The planning commission may condition its recommendations in order to effect the intent of the land use controls of the city. The planning commission shall accompany any recommendation of denial of an application with a statement of its findings regarding the matter.

Subd. 6. Council Action. The city council may adopt, modify or reject the recommendations of the planning commission by vote of a simple majority of those present, unless otherwise required by statute or ordinance.