

Chapter 2-9

ZONING COMMISSION

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- Section 2-9-1 Authority**

Under and by virtue of the authority conferred by the Code of Iowa, a Storm Lake Zoning Commission is hereby created and established.

Section 2-9-2 Organization

The Storm Lake Zoning Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be citizens of the City, and qualified by knowledge or experience to act in matters pertaining to the development of a city plan and who shall not hold any elective office in the municipal government. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Council.

Section 2-9-3 Term of Office

The term of office of the members of said Commission shall be three (3) years.

Section 2-9-4 Duties and Powers

(A) The Storm Lake Zoning Commission shall choose annually at its first regular meeting one of its members to act as Chairman, one as Vice Chairman, who shall perform all the duties of the Chairman during his absence or disability, and another as Secretary.

(B) The Commission shall adopt such rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure as it may deem necessary.

(C) The Commission may request of the Council that the City provide the Commission with such surveys, studies, maps, plans or charts of the whole or any portion of the City or of any land outside thereof, which in the opinion of the Commission bears relation to a comprehensive plan and shall bring to the attention of the Council and may publish its studies and recommendations.

(D) All plans, plats or re-plats of subdivisions or re-subdivisions of land embraced in said City or adjacent thereto, laid out in lots or plats with the streets, alleys, or other portions of the same intended to be dedicated to the public, shall first be submitted to the Zoning Commission and its recommendations obtained before approval by the Council.

(E) No plan for any street, park, parkway, boulevard, traffic-way, lake-front, or other public

improvement affecting the city plan shall be finally approved or the character or location thereof determined unless such proposal shall first have been submitted to the Zoning Commission and the latter shall have had fifteen (15) days within which to file its recommendations thereon.

(F) For the purpose of making a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the City, the Zoning Commission shall make a careful and comprehensive study of present conditions and future growth of the municipality and with due regard to its relation to neighboring territory. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the municipality and its environs which will, in accordance with the present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. The comprehensive plan shall be reviewed and revised by the Zoning Commission at least once every five (5) years.

(G) Before adopting a comprehensive plan as referred to in this Section, or any part of it, or any substantial amendment thereof the Commission shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, notice of the time of which shall be given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing. The adoption of the plan or part or amendment thereof shall be by resolution of the Commission carried by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (A) of the members of the Commission. After adoption of said plan by the Commission, an attested copy thereof shall be certified to the Council, and the Council may approve the same and when said plan or any modification or amendment thereof shall receive the approval of the Council, the said plan until subsequently modified or amended as hereinbefore authorized shall constitute the official City plan.

(H) When such comprehensive plan as hereinbefore provided has been adopted, no substantial amendment or modification thereof shall be made without such proposed change first being referred to the Zoning Commission, for its recommendation. If this Commission disapproves the proposed change, it may be adopted by the Council only by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the said Council.