

## Chapter C. Charter

### Article V. Planning Function

#### § C5-7. Related board: County Planning Board.

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There shall be a County Planning Board, whose membership, procedures and duties shall be as specified below.

- A. **Membership.** The Planning Board shall consist of eight citizens, three appointed by the County Legislature, four appointed by the County Executive, representing local planning boards or zoning boards of appeals, and one appointed by the Environmental Management Council, two voting members from the Legislature (one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party, both members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Legislature) and five voting ex officio members: the Assistant County Executive, the Director of Public Safety, the Chief of Engineering and Facilities Management, the Deputy County Executive and the Director of Finance. The eight citizen members shall serve two-year terms; vacancies occurring among the citizen members shall be filled by the appointing bodies within 30 days for the remainder of the unexpired term. The eight members shall be residents of the County selected for their interest, experience and expertise in areas of planning concern and shall be selected to reflect the general socioeconomic composition of the County population. At least one of the three citizen members appointed by the County Legislature shall be a resident of the City of Rochester, and at least one of the four citizen members appointed by the County Executive shall be a member of the Planning Commission of the City of Rochester. The two Legislature members shall serve at the pleasure of the Legislature.
- B. **Procedures.** The Director of Planning and Development, or his or her designee, shall serve as Secretary of the Board. The Chairperson of the Planning Board shall be selected by the Board from its citizen members and shall serve a one-year term. The voting ex officio members may designate alternates to represent them at meetings of the Board. Such alternates, who shall be designated in advance by written notice to the Board Chairperson, shall be entitled to vote in the absence of the voting ex officio members whom they represent. Alternates shall have the right to vote at not more than six meetings of the Board in each calendar year. Unless otherwise provided by law, any eight voting members of the Planning Board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting duly held at a time fixed by law, by any bylaw duly adopted by the Board, or on reasonable notice. A majority consisting of at least eight affirmative votes shall be required for Board approval of any matter. The members of the Planning Board shall receive no compensation for their services as members thereof but may be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties within appropriations made available therefor. The Planning Board may adopt, by a majority vote of its total membership, such additional rules and procedures as are necessary for the efficient and orderly conduct of its business.

C. Powers and duties. The Planning Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) As set forth in § C4-10 of this Charter and § A7-1 of the Administrative Code, to review the capital improvement program prepared by the Department of Planning and Development and guidelines for the preparation thereof, to make written recommendations to the County Executive and the County Legislature on all capital projects contained in the program and on the priority of capital projects contained in the first year of the program and to review and make written recommendations on any capital project additions to the capital improvement program or capital budget.
- (2) As set forth in Article X of the Administrative Code, to review the Comprehensive Development Plan and to submit its recommendations thereon to the County Legislature and to approve any proposed amendments to said plan prior to action being taken on such amendments by the County Legislature.
- (3) To hear appeals from decisions by the Director of Planning and Development, as set forth in § C5-5 of this Article.