

Explanation of changes to Planning Commission bylaws

Article I. Name

No changes.

Article II. Enabling Authority

New article listing state and local enabling legislation. Incorporates para. 1 of former Art. II.

Article III. Purpose, Objectives, and Duties

Article incorporating most of former Art. II.

New sections 1 and 2 incorporating new standard language for all bylaws.

New sections 5 and 6 reflecting state law requirements.

Section 8 moved from former Art. X and modified for consistency.

Section 9 modified to make permissive and for clarity.

Article IV Membership

New article covering membership qualifications, consistent with new bylaws standards.

New sections 1, 3-7, and 9 reflect requirements of state and local law.

Section 2 moved from former Art. 3, § 2 and modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Section 8 moved from former Art. 3, § 11 and modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Article V Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

Article incorporating most of former Art. III.

New sections 1-7 added consistent with new bylaws standards and incorporating suggested language for conflict of interest issues specific to the Planning Commission.

Section 8 added per new ex parte communication policy. Commissioners may wish to list specific types of matters about which communication should be avoided, e.g. site plans and petitions, so as to allow communication about general planning issues, such as master plan revisions.

Section 9 modified for consistency.

Section 10 modified for consistency.

Section 11 modified for clarity.

Section 12 modified for clarity.

Section 15 modified for clarity and combine former Art. II, §§ 1 and 10.

Article VI Officers

Article incorporating most of former Art IV and V.

Section 2 modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Section 5 modified for consistency with state law.

Section 7 modified for clarity.

Section 9 modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Section 10 modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Section 11 modified for consistency with state law.

Article VII Meetings

Article incorporating most of former Art VI.

Section 1 modified for consistency with state laws.

Section 3 modified for clarity.

Section 4 moved from former Art. 6, § 3 and modified for consistency with state law and new bylaws standards.

Sections 4-15 modified for consistency with state law and new bylaws standards.

Sections 17 added per request.

Section 19 moved from former Art. IX § 4 and revised for clarity.

Article VIII Public Hearings

Article incorporating most of former Art VII.

Section 3 modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Article IX Petitions and Communications

Article incorporating most of former Art VIII.

Section 1 modified for clarity and consistency.

Sections 2 and 3 modified for clarity.

Section 4 modified for consistency with ex parte communication policy

Article X Agenda and Order of Business

Article incorporating most of former Arts. IX and X.

Section 2 modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Article XI Committees

Article incorporating most of former Art XII.

Section 2 modified for consistency with ordinance and clarity.

Article XII Responsibilities And Evaluation Of Manager

Article incorporating most of former Art XIII.

Section 1 modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Article XIII Parliamentary Authority

New article added for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Article XIV Amendment of Bylaws

New article incorporating part of former Art XIV.

Section 1 modified for consistency with new bylaws standards.

Article XV Miscellaneous

Article incorporating most of former Art XIV.