

**CHAPTER 14**

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Commissioners of the Town of Perryville 3-6-73 as Ord. No. 111. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

**§ 14-1. Creation.**

There is hereby created a municipal Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Perryville, Maryland, hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”. Its territorial jurisdiction shall extend throughout the corporate limits of the Town of Perryville.

**§ 14-2. Membership.<sup>1</sup>**

The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, to include the following:

- A. One (1) member of the Town Commissioners shall be an ex officio member of said Commission, with power to vote.
- B. Six (6) other members, citizens of the town, who shall be appointed by the Town Commissioners on the basis of their particular fitness for their duties on said Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor’s Note: By Resolution 1-78, adopted 4-4-78, the Town Commissioners reinstated the members of the Commission so as to clarify their remaining terms and to establish their status as existing members of the Commission. For the full text of this resolution, consult the office of the Town Clerk.

**§ 14-3. Terms; compensation.**

- A. The ex officio member shall serve for the term of his elective office.
- B. Of the six (6) members initially appointed one (1) shall serve for a period of one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years, one (1) for three (3) years, one (1) for four (4) years and two (2) for five (5) years. Thereafter, each appointed member shall serve for a period of five (5) years or until his successor has taken office.
- C. Each appointed member is eligible for reappointment.
- D. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

**§ 14-4. Vacancies.**

A vacancy shall be filled by appointment as specified in § 14-2 of this chapter for an unexpired term only.

**§ 14-5. Organization; rules of procedure; filing of records; legal advice.**

- A. Immediately following their appointment, the members of the Commission shall elect a chairman and such other officers as they may deem necessary from among themselves. Terms of these officers shall be a period of one (1) year, with eligibility for reelection.
- B. The Commission shall adopt its own rules and regulations for conducting business in accordance with the requirements of Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 edition, as amended), the Charter and this Code.
- C. All applications, plats, maps and other matters required by Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 edition, as amended) or by the regulations adopted pursuant to the preceding subsection of this chapter to be filed with the Commission shall be first received by the Town Clerk. He shall be responsible for presenting all such material to the Commission and/or Town Commissioners for their consideration for action.
- D. The Town Attorney shall serve as the Attorney for the Commission. However, the Commission may receive legal advice from other sources, as may be deemed necessary or advisable.

**§ 14-6. Powers and duties.**

The Commission shall have the powers and duties as now or hereafter provided for in Article 66B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 edition, as amended) or in the Charter of this Code.

**§ 14-7. Expenditures.**

The Commission may at the discretion of the Board of Town Commissioners employ necessary help whose salaries, wages and other expenses shall be provided for by adequate appropriation made by the Town Commissioners from public funds. If said Commission shall deem it advisable to secure technical advice or services, it may be done upon authority from the Town Commissioners and appropriation by the Town Commissioners of funds therefore.