



# News Release

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## **PLANNING COMMISSION SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES**

The City of Springfield is accepting applications for two positions on its seven-member Planning Commission. One of the applicants must reside within the city limits and the other may reside in the Urban Growth Boundary.

Planning Commissioners are all volunteer at-large positions with no ward restrictions. The term of a Planning Commission appoint is four years. Two members may reside outside the city limits, in the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Any two members of the commission can be employed in the real estate field. Currently, two members reside in the UGB and no existing member is employed in the real estate field.

The Planning Commission is a quasi-judicial decision-making body that has authority over zone changes, variances, appeals and discretionary use requests. The Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council about the City’s future growth and development. The commission works with city staff in drafting amendments to the Metropolitan Area General Plan, local land-use refinement plans and development regulations. The Planning Commission also serves as the City’s Committee for Citizen Involvement and reviews and approves the formation of Planning Advisory Committees and Citizen Involvement Programs.

Members also attend City Council meetings on a rotation and may also be asked to serve on intergovernmental coordination or neighborhood review committees.

Regular meetings are held in the evening on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Meeting duration is approximately 2 – 3 hours. Commissioners are required to attend these meetings and are expected to have reviewed the agenda material in preparation for performing their duties. The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, and April 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room at City Hall.

Applications are available in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, Fifth and A Streets, during regular business hours. The deadline to apply is **5 p.m., Friday, April 11, 2003.**

City Council Interviews will be held **April 21, 2003** during the Work Session and Appointment to the Planning Commission will take place **May 5, 2003** during the City Council Regular Session.

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