

## Chapter 18

### PLANNING COMMISSION

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Grottoes 2-3-1970 as Title 21 of the 1970 Ordinances of the Town of Grottoes. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### **§ 18-1. Creation.**

Pursuant to state law, a Planning Commission for the Town is hereby created.

#### **§ 18-2. Composition; appointment and terms of members.** [Amended 4-4-1978]

- A. The Planning Commission shall be composed of seven members, one of whom may be a member of the Town Council, and the remaining six of whom, hereinafter referred to as "appointed members," shall be qualified voters and freeholders of the Town of Grottoes who are qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community growth and development. [Amended 7-8-1996]
- B. The term of the member of the Commission who is a member of the Town Council shall be coextensive with his or her term of office as councilperson.
- C. All other members shall be appointed for four-year terms. [Amended 7-8-1996]
- D. All members shall be appointed by the Town Council.

#### **§ 18-3. Vacancies.**

Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only.

#### **§ 18-4. Removal.** [Amended 9-10-2009]

Members may be removed: (1) for malfeasance in office. Such removal may be made only after a public hearing at which said member is given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the charges against him or her; or (2) by the Town Council, without limitation, in the event that the Commission member is absent from any three consecutive meetings of the Commission, or is absent from any four meetings of the Commission within any twelve-month period. In either such event, a successor shall be appointed by the governing body for the unexpired portion of the term of the member who has been removed.

#### **§ 18-5. Functions, powers, duties and limitations.**

The Planning Commission shall have the functions, powers, duties and limitations which are prescribed by law.

#### **§ 18-6. Compensation.**

All members of the Planning Commission shall serve without compensation, but the Town Council may provide for reimbursement of actual expenses incurred by members of the Commission.

**§ 18-7. Comprehensive plan.** [Amended 7-8-1996]

The Comprehensive Plan shall be reviewed and revised by the Planning Commission as provided by commonwealth law.