

Section 3.7. Powers of the Council to Appoint Citizen Boards. (a) The council may establish by ordinance, boards or commissions as in its judgment are required and may grant to them such powers and duties as are consistent with the provisions of this Charter.

(b) There shall be a city planning and zoning commission which shall consist of a minimum of five members, who shall be appointed by the council. The commission shall elect its chairman from among the appointive members.

(1) The term of the appointive members shall be three years. Any vacancy during the un-expired term of an appointive member shall be filled by the council for the remainder of the term.

(2) The city planning and zoning commission shall have the authority to prepare and submit to the council for its approval a master plan for the physical development of the city, including the general location, character and extent of streets, bridges, parks, waterways, and other public ways, grounds and spaces, together with the general location of public buildings and other public property, public utilities, and the extent and location of any public housing or slum clearance projects. The commission shall recommend such modifications of said plan, from time to time, as it deems in the city's interest.

(3) It shall prepare and recommend to the council a comprehensive zoning ordinance, or propose amendments or revisions thereof, with such provisions as the commission shall deem necessary or desirable for the promotion of the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the inhabitants of the city, and shall exercise such functions with respect to land subdivisions, planning, and zoning as may be prescribed by ordinance not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter. (10-2-01; 10-5-95)