

CHAPTER XVI. ZONING AND PLANNING

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ARTICLE 1. CITY PLANNING COMMISSION/ BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

- 16-101. **COMMISSION RE-ESTABLISHMENT.** There is hereby re-established the Hiawatha City Planning Commission which is composed of seven members of which five members shall be residents of the city and two members shall reside outside the city, but within the designated planning area of the city which is within at least three miles of the corporate limits of the city. The planning commission was originally created by Ordinance No. 936. (Code 2007)
- 16-102. **MEMBERSHIP, TERMS, INTEREST AND COMPENSATION.** The members of the planning commission shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the governing body at the first regular meeting of the governing body in May of each year and take office at the next regular meeting of the commission. All members shall be appointed for staggered terms of three years each. The appointments shall be so made that the terms of office of the members residing outside of the corporate limits of the city do not expire within the same year. By the re-establishment of the commission, all current members continue to serve their present terms of office. In case of death, incapacity, resignation or disqualification of any member, appointment to such a vacancy on the commission shall be made of the unexpired term of the member leaving the membership. Should any member have a conflict of interest, either directly or indirectly, in any matter coming before the commission, he or she shall be disqualified to discuss or vote on the matter. The governing body may adopt rules and regulations providing for removal of members of the commission. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties as deemed desirable by the governing body. (Code 2007)
- 16-103. **MEETINGS, OFFICERS AND RECORDS.** The members of the planning commission shall meet at such time and place as may be fixed in the commission's bylaws. The commission shall elect one member as chairperson and one member as vice-chairperson who shall serve one year and until their successors have been elected. A secretary shall also be elected who may or may not be a member of the commission. Special meetings may be called at any time by the chairperson or in the chairperson's absence by the vice-chairperson. The commission shall adopt bylaws for the transaction of business and hearing procedures. All actions by the commission shall be taken by a majority vote of the entire membership of the commission; except that, a majority of the members present and voting at the hearing shall be required to recommend approval or denial of an amendment to the

zoning regulations, a rezoning amendment or a special use permit. A proper record of all the proceedings of the commission shall be kept. The commission, from time to time, may establish subcommittees, advisory committees or technical committees to advise or assist in the activities of the commission. (Code 2007)

16-104. POWERS AND DUTIES. The governing body and planning commission shall have all the rights, powers and duties as authorized in K.S.A. 12-741 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, which are hereby incorporated by reference as part of this section and shall be given full force and effect as if the same had been fully set forth. The commission is hereby authorized to make or cause to be made, adopted and maintained a comprehensive plan for the city and any unincorporated territory lying outside of the city but within Brown County in which the city is located, which in the opinion of the commission forms the total community of which the city is a part. The commission shall also cause to be prepared, adopted and maintained zoning and subdivision regulations on all land within the jurisdiction designated by the governing body. The comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision regulations are subject to final approval of the governing body by ordinance. Periodically, the governing body may request the commission to undertake other assignments related to planning and land use regulations. (Code 2007)

16-105. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. The planning commission is hereby designated to also serve as the city's board of zoning appeals with all the powers and duties as provided for in K.S.A. 12-759. The board shall adopt rules in the form of bylaws for its operation which shall include hearing procedures. Such bylaws shall be subject to the approval of the governing body. Public records shall be kept of all official actions of the board which shall be maintained separately from those of the commission. The board shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing evidence presented, findings of fact, decisions and the vote upon each question or appeal. A majority of the members of the board present and voting at the hearing shall be required to decide any appeal. Subject to subsequent approval of the governing body, the board shall establish a scale of reasonable fees to be paid in advance by the appealing party. (Code 2007)

16-106. BUDGET. The governing body shall approve a budget for the planning commission and make such allowances to the commission as it deems proper, including funds for the employment of such employees or consultants as the governing body may authorize and provide, and shall add the same to the general budget. Prior to the time that moneys are available under the budget, the governing body may appropriate moneys for such purposes from the general fund. The governing body may enter into such contracts as it deems necessary and may receive and expend funds and moneys from the state or federal government or from any other resource for such purposes. (Code 2007)

ARTICLE 2. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN / ZONING REGULATIONS

16-201. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; INCORPORATED.** The Hiawatha, Kansas Comprehensive Plan Update of 2004, prepared by the Plan Preparation Class in the Program for Landscape Architectural/Regional and Community Planning at Kansas State University. Completed during the spring semester of 2004. The plan was supervised by Dr. John Keller. Said comprehensive plan is for the City of Hiawatha and said three mile area; and includes all maps included therein. Said Hiawatha, Kansas Comprehensive Plan Update is a model or standard for the purpose of comprehensive planning of the City of Hiawatha, Kansas and area within a three mile radius of said city. Not less than three copies of the said Hiawatha, Kansas Comprehensive Plan Update of 2004 shall be marked and stamped "Official Comprehensive Plan as adopted by Ordinance No. 931; with all sections and portions of therein intended to be omitted clearly marked to show any such deletions or change and to which shall be attached a copy of this ordinance and filed with the City Clerk to be opened for inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours.

The provisions of the Hiawatha, Kansas Comprehensive Plan Update of 2004 shall be controlling within the city limits of Hiawatha, Kansas and a three mile area thereof.

(Ord. 931, Sec. 1; Code 2007)