

Planning and Zoning Commission

If you think you'd like to help guide the ways the way the properties could be used, give direction for the size of the buildings, and have a common-sense mentality, then the Planning and Zoning Commission might be the opportunity for you.

It is perfect for:

- Retired or semi-retired individuals
- College students who want to add to their resume
- Stay at home parents with a couple extra hours a month
- Civic minded individuals who either have leadership skills, or love to work behind the scenes
- Professional individuals seeking to add skills to gain a promotion at their job
- Anyone seeking a volunteer opportunity within government adjacent organizations

For college students and professionals: serving on a committee helps to nurture your interpersonal and organizational skills. You will have an opportunity to hone your public speaking, leadership skills, networking skills, communication and problem-solving skills by collaborating with others regarding issues and problems within the community. Having these skills will make you a more attractive candidate during interviews and in the job market.

Committees provide guidance for city officials and governments and are a chance for residents to participate in the direction of the city with some authority. They allow for a system of checks and balances because the elected officials aren't the only people involved in determining the direction and it helps eliminate bias within the government. See excerpt from RsMO 89.340 below for more information.

Basic Qualifications

There are no requirements for this position except to be a resident of Holden.

Planning and Zoning members serve for 4-year terms and are selected by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. Please contact City Hall at 816-732-4811 for more information.

89.340. City plan, contents — zoning plan. — The commission shall make and adopt a city plan for the physical development of the municipality. The city plan, with the accompanying maps, plats, charts and descriptive and explanatory matter, shall show the commission's recommendations for the physical development and uses of land, and* may include, among other things, the general location, character and extent of streets and other public ways, grounds, places and spaces; the general location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned, the acceptance, widening, removal, extension, relocation, narrowing, vacation, abandonment or change of use of any of the foregoing; the general character, extent and layout of the replanning of blighted districts and slum areas. The commission may also prepare a zoning plan for the regulation of the height, area, bulk, location and use of private, nonprofit and public structures and premises, and of population density, but the adoption, enforcement and administration of the zoning plan shall conform to the provisions of sections [89.010 to 89.250](#).