

## Chapter 53

### PLANNING COMMISSION

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Wales 6-20-1973 by Ord. No. 456; amended in its entirety 2-28-2012 by Ord. No. 785. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]**

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Subdivision of land development — See Ch. 184.  
Zoning — See Ch. 208.

**§ 53-1. Commission created.**

A Planning Commission is hereby created in and for the Borough of North Wales. Said Commission shall consist of five members who shall be appointed by the Borough Council. Each member of the Commission shall be a resident of the Borough and shall serve without compensation.

**§ 53-2. Term of office.**

Members shall be appointed to staggered four-year terms so that no more than two terms expire every year. On the expiration of the term of any commissioner, a successor shall be

appointed by the Borough Council to serve for a term of four years. All persons appointed shall serve their full terms unless they voluntarily resign or are removed by the Borough Council for excessive absence, dereliction or neglect of duty. A member will receive 15 days' advance notice of the intent to take a vote for removal.

**§ 53-3. Vacancies occurring prior to expiration of term.**

Should a vacancy occur prior to the expiration of the appointed term, the Borough Council will appoint a resident to serve the unexpired term.

**§ 53-4. Conduct of business.**

The Commission shall elect its own chairman and vice chairman and create and fill such other offices as it may determine. Officers shall serve annual terms and may succeed themselves. The Commission may make and alter bylaws and rules and regulations to govern its procedures consistent with the ordinances of the Borough and the laws of the commonwealth. The Commission shall keep a full record of its business and shall annually make a written report by March 1 of each year of its activities to Borough Council.

**§ 53-5. Powers and duties.**

- A. The Commission shall at the request of the Borough Council have the power and shall be required to:
- (1) Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the Borough and present it for the consideration of the Borough Council.
  - (2) Maintain and keep on file records of its action.
- B. The Commission at the request of the Borough Council may:

- (1) Make recommendations to the Borough Council concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
- (2) Prepare and present to the Borough Council a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations on proposed amendments to it.
- (3) Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations.
- (4) Prepare and present to the Borough Council a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
- (5) Do such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations of the Commission.

**§ 53-6. Annual budget.**

The Commission shall comply with the annual budget as set forth by the Borough Council. All expenditures must be approved by the Borough Manager and/or Borough Council.