

**CHAPTER 4**

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**ARTICLE I – PLANNING COMMISSION**

**4-1-1**            **PURPOSE.** In order that adequate provisions be made for the preparation of a comprehensive Village plan for the guidance, direction and control of the growth and development of the Village, a Plan Commission, which shall be a department of the Village government is established. **(65 ILCS 5/11-12-4)**

**4-1-2**            **MEMBERSHIP.** The Plan Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be appointed by the President of the Village on the basis of their particular fitness for duty on the Plan Commission, and subject to the approval of the Village Board. **(#2017-954; 01/17/2017)**

**4-1-3**            **TERM OF OFFICE.** Seven (7) appointed citizen members shall serve for a period of five (5) years. Vacancies shall be filled by appointments for unexpired terms only. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation except that if the Village Board deems it advisable, the Secretary may receive such compensation as may be fixed from time to time by the Village Board and provided for in the appropriation ordinance.

**4-1-4**            **PROCEDURE.** The Plan Commission shall elect such officers as it may deem necessary, and adopt and later change or alter, rules and regulations of organization and procedure consistent with the Village ordinances and State Law. The Commission shall keep written records of its proceedings, which shall be open at all times to public inspection. The Commission shall also file an annual report with the President and Village Board of Trustees setting forth its transactions and recommendations.

**4-1-5**            **POWERS AND DUTIES.** The Plan Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(A)                To prepare and recommend to the Village a comprehensive plan of public improvements, looking to the present and future development and growth of the Village. Such a plan after its adoption by the Village Board of Trustees will be known as the official plan of the Village.

Such plan shall include reasonable requirements in reference to streets, alleys, and public grounds within the corporate limits and in contiguous territory outside of and distant not more than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from such limits, and not included in any municipality, such requirements to be effective whenever such lands shall be subdivided after the adoption of such plan.

(B)                To prepare and recommend to the Village Board from time to time, such changes in the plan or any part thereof as may be deemed necessary by the Village Board or by the Plan Commission.

(C)                To prepare and recommend to the Village Board from time to time, plans and/or recommendations for specific improvements in pursuance of such official plan.

(D)                To give aid to the officials of the Village charged with the direction of projects for improvements embraced within the official plan, to further the making of such improvements, and generally, to promote the realization of the official plan.

(E)                To arrange and conduct any form of publicity relative to its activities for the general purpose of public understanding.

(F) To cooperate with municipal or regional planning commissions and other agencies or groups to further the local planning program and to assure harmonious and integrated planning for the area.

(G) To exercise such other powers germane to the powers granted under authority of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois.

**(65 ILCS 5/11-12-5)**

**4-1-6** **LAND SUBDIVISION OR RE-SUBDIVISION.** Following the adoption of an official plan in the manner prescribed in this Chapter, no map or plat of any subdivision or re-subdivision presented for record, affecting land within the corporate limits of the Village of Cobden or in contiguous territory outside of and distant not more than one and one-half (1 ½) miles from such limits and not included in any other municipality shall be entitled to record or shall be valid unless the subdivision thereon shall provide for streets, alleys, and public grounds in conformity with any requirements applicable thereto of such official plan.

**4-1-7** **IMPROVEMENTS.** The Village Clerk shall furnish the Plan Commission for its consideration a copy of all ordinances, plans and data relative to public improvements of any nature. The Plan Commission may report in relation thereto if it deems a report necessary or advisable, for the consideration of the Village Board of Trustees.

**4-1-8** **EXPENDITURES.** The Commission may, at the discretion of the Village Board, employ necessary help whose salaries, wages, and other necessary expenses shall be provided for by adequate appropriation made by the Village Board from the public funds. If the Plan Commission shall deem it advisable to secure technical advice or services, it may be done upon authority from the Village Board and appropriations by the Village Board therefore. **(Ord. No. 249; 02-06-51) (65 ILCS 5/11-12-4)**

**4-1-9 - 4-1-15** **RESERVED.**