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#### **PLANNING COMMISSION SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES**

The City of Springfield is accepting applications for positions on its seven-member Planning Commission. Commissioners are all volunteer at-large positions with no ward restrictions. The term of a Planning Commission appointment is four years.

The next meetings will be held on Tuesday, **October 7, 2008** and **October 21, 2008**. Work sessions begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Jesse Maine Room adjoining the Council Chambers and Regular sessions begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

#### **Applications:**

Applications are available in the City Manager's Office in City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, during regular business hours. The deadline to apply is **5 p.m., Friday, October 31, 2008**.

City Council Interviews will be held **November 17, 2008** during the Work Session and Appointment to the Planning Commission will take place **December 1, 2008** during the City Council Regular Session.

#### **Background on the Planning Commission:**

The Planning Commission is a quasi-judicial decision-making body appointed by the City Council that has authority over zone changes, variances, appeals and discretionary use requests. The Commission also makes recommendations to the City Council about the City's future growth and development. The commission works with city staff in drafting amendments to the Metropolitan Area General Plan, local land-use refinement plans and development regulations. The Planning Commission also serves as the City's Committee for Citizen Involvement and reviews and approves the formation of Planning Advisory Committees and Citizen Involvement Programs. The Planning Commission meets twice per month. At a minimum, this means about six hours of meetings monthly with 3-6 hours of preparation time for each meeting. Each commissioner is also expected to attend Council meetings on a rotating basis, and to participate on special committees as needed. The total monthly commitment may exceed 12 hours.

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