



APPLICATION FOR PLANNING COMMISSION
City of Ouray
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Thank you for your interest in applying for our Planning Commission. Please complete the following on your background. This information will allow us to select and appoint a balanced membership for our Planning Commission.

PART 1: PERSONAL DATA

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

Business Telephone Number: _____

Name, address and telephone number of present employer: _____

Present job title: _____

Present employment is (check one) Full-time Part-time

May we contact you at work for Planning Commission related issues? Yes No

PART 2: LAND USE/PLANNING EXPERIENCE

Do you have experience in land use/planning development? Yes No

If yes, please provide information about your experience.

Have you served on a Planning Commission before? Yes No

Please tell us when and where:

PART 3: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

How long have you lived in the City of Ouray? _____

What do you think are the major growth issues affecting our City?

What vision do you have of the future of land development in the City of Ouray?

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

It is the policy of the Ouray City Council that any Planning Commission member shall not:

1. Engage in a substantial financial transaction for private business purposes with a person whom he inspects, regulates, or supervises in the course of his broad duties;
2. Assist any person for a fee or other compensation in obtaining any contract, claim, license, or other economic benefit from this Commission;
3. Perform an official act directly or substantially affecting its economic benefit a business or other undertaking in which he either has a substantial financial interest or is engaged as counsel, consultant, representative, or agent;
4. Participate in litigation either directly or indirectly against the City of Ouray or provide legal representation to any client who is in fact engaged in litigation against the City of Ouray.

I certify that the information on this application form and the documentation provided in support of the application are true, accurate, and complete.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Questions and Answers about the Planning Commission

Q. What is the Planning Commission?

- A.** The City of Ouray Planning Commission serves as an advisory commission to the City Council. Commission members are appointed to specified terms by the City Council. The Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the City Council on a variety of land use applications and regulations. These include applications for subdivisions, zoning amendments, and special use permits. The Planning Commission will also review and make recommendations on amendments to City plans and regulations including subdivision regulations, zoning ordinances, and the comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission works closely with the City's Land Use department, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney.

Q. Who makes up the Planning Commission?

- A.** Citizens from the City of Ouray. There are a total of five Planning Commission members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council for two-year staggered terms. Members of the Planning Commission may also meet as the Board of Zoning adjustment. These are volunteer positions and as such are unpaid. The City does provide for training opportunities and will cover all registration and travel costs if members elect to attend. Applicants need to be comfortable speaking in front of large audiences as well as reading and comprehending some technical writing.

Q. What is the time commitment for the Planning Commission?

- A.** The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 4:00 PM to review and make recommendations on scheduled items. This meeting normally lasts 1 – 2 hours. Besides the monthly meetings, there are other non-mandatory meetings and training sessions that may take place throughout a given year.

Q. Is there training for new Planning Commission members?

- A.** New Planning Commission members will take part in an orientation to familiarize them with the complexities of land use and with the role of the City's Planning Commission as described by the Colorado Revised Statutes. The City will also pay for Planning Commission members who wish to attend professional conferences and workshops provided in and around the State of Colorado. These training opportunities include the Rocky Mountain Land Institute annual conference as well as multiple Colorado Municipal League and Department of Local Affairs workshops.

Q. Why is the Planning Commission so important to our City?

- A.** There are significant growth projections for the City and County in the coming years. The City will be considering different and innovative tools to manage growth. Planning Commission members will have the opportunity to participate first hand in the decisions that will shape the future of the community as well as protect the quality of life and private property rights that we currently enjoy.

So, if you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please fill out the application and drop off or mail to the Ouray City Hall, 320 6th Avenue, or POB 468. For more information, please call Human Resources at 325-7062.