



PLANNING COMMISSION QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the City of Rancho Cordova's Planning Commission?

The City of Rancho Cordova's Planning Commission is comprised of seven appointed Rancho Cordova residents who assist the City Council by reviewing proposed city development projects and making recommendations about them. These recommendations could include approvals, denials or requests for changes to development projects. In some cases, development proposals will be heard by the City Council for final approval.

What are the responsibilities of the Planning Commission?

The Planning Commission partners with the city's [Planning Division](#) and is responsible for:

1. Serving as the approval authority on proposed development projects, per Chapter 23.104 of the [Rancho Cordova Municipal Code](#).
2. Promoting public interest in and understanding of the city's general plan, specific plans, special planning areas, and regulations relating to such plans.
3. Considering and providing recommendations to the City Council on amendments to the general plan, zoning code, specific plans, and special planning areas.
4. Considering subdivision matters arising from the Subdivision Map Act and the [Rancho Cordova Municipal Code](#).
5. Considering appeals of the city's Community Development Director.

How many people serve on the Planning Commission?

The Planning Commission includes seven Planning Commissioners, five regular members and two at-large members.

Who can be a Planning Commissioner?

Planning Commissioners must reside in the City of Rancho Cordova and be at least 18 years of age. They may not be an officer of the city, employee of the city, or an elected or appointed official of another public entity whose jurisdiction includes any portion of the city.

How can I become a Planning Commissioner?

Applications are available to apply to become a Planning Commissioner through January 10, 2022. Visit CityofRanchoCordova.org/PlanningCommission to apply.

All qualifying applications will be provided to the City Council. The five regular members are nominated by an individual member of the City Council and must be confirmed by a majority vote of the full City Council. The two at-large members may be nominated by any member of the City Council and must be confirmed by a majority vote of the full City Council.

The first Planning Commissioners will be selected in January/February 2022.

How long do Planning Commissioners serve?

The term of the five regular members will coincide with the term of the Council Member that nominated that member. The term of the two at-large members is four years.

The term of the initial five regular members will be as follows:

- The term of the members who are nominated by the Council Members that are up for re-election in November 2024 shall coincide with the term of the Council Member.
- The term of the members who are nominated by the Council Members that are up for re-election in November 2022 shall serve an initial two years. The Council Members elected in November 2022 can nominate new Planning Commissioners for the remainder of the term, if desired.

How often does the Planning Commission meet?

The Planning Commission will meet at least twice a month at a regularly scheduled date and time in the evening. The Planning Commission will also meet at other times the chairperson, in partnership with the city's Planning Division, deems necessary to perform the duties of the commission.

Are the Planning Commissioners paid for their service?

It is anticipated that Planning Commissioners will be paid \$75 per Planning Commission meeting attended, upon approval of the City Council.

More Information and Questions

Learn more about the Planning Commission at CityofRanchoCordova.org/PlanningCommission. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Planning Manager Darcy Goulart at 916.851.8784 or dgoulart@cityofranchocordova.org.