

VACANCY ON PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The City of Jamaica Beach is seeking residents interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission. If you would like to be considered to serve on the Commission, please submit a Letter of Interest to the City Secretary by mail: City of Jamaica Beach, 5264 Jamaica Beach, Jamaica Beach, TX 77554 or e-mail: ngonzales@ci.jamaicabeach.tx.us. Submittals must be received by 5:00 PM on December 1, 2020.

Membership

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of five members serving two-year terms. The members of the Planning and Zoning Commission are appointed by the City Council and serve without compensation. In making appointments to the Commission, the City Council shall seek to ensure broad representation and expertise among the membership. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall exercise the following powers pursuant to Section 7-202 contained in City Ordinance 2019-7 (Zoning Code):

- (1) Preparation and adoption of a comprehensive plan for the City.
- (2) Preparation and adoption of subdivision regulations and approval or disapproval of subdivision plats.
- (3) Preparation and adoption of zoning regulations and the recommendation of zoning district boundaries, including the power to hold public hearings, enforce the regulations and recommend changes in the regulations and district boundaries.
- (4) Preparation and adoption of urban conservation, rehabilitation, and redevelopment programs allowed by state law.
- (5) Reporting on planning and zoning problems that are referred to it for review by the City Secretary or by the City Council.
- (6) Preparation of such surveys, reports and studies as are required for the above and other authorized purposes.

Desirable Qualifications:

A Planning and Zoning Commissioner's primary job is to make land use decisions that are consistent with the policies and plans formally adopted by the City Council. Therefore, the first priority of a Planning and Zoning Commissioner must be to develop decision-making skills and knowledge of City policies. It is desirable to have training in fields such as real-estate, building/construction industry, planning, architecture, law, civil engineering, or economics. The Commissioner's job is to weigh the professional input given in staff reports, environmental impact reports, and consultant reports.

Suggested Qualifications for a Planning and Zoning Commissioner include:

- A willingness and ability to research and report on issues, programs and policies related to zoning and development issues.
- A willingness to attend several nightly meetings per month.
- A willingness to assist in implementing projects as decided upon by the City Council.