

PLANNING & ZONING TRAINING

For Appointed Board & Commission Members, Staff & Elected Officials

In your city or county, the appointed boards and commissions dealing with land use issues are consistently the most controversial, the most likely to be targets of legal actions and have the greatest impact on your jurisdiction's future.

Citizen members of the planning commission, zoning board of appeals and similar boards that regulate development come to their positions with a great deal of knowledge about the community and a genuine desire to serve. Often, though, they do not have much training on the basics of planning and zoning concepts, public meeting and hearing procedures, due process and open meetings requirements, conflicts of interest or strategic planning.

The Carl Vinson Institute of Government can provide this training through your Regional Commission or directly to your city or county.

Topics Covered:

- Responsibilities of the Planning Commission
- Requirements of the Zoning Procedures Law
- Effective management of public meetings
- Role of the planning staff
- Board member ethics and conflict of interest
- Interaction with the development community
- Special use permits
- Non-conforming uses
- Standard practices in land use
- Due process
- Georgia Planning Act
- Differences between variances and rezoning
- **Other topics specific to your board or commission**

Details:

The charge for a one-day training session is \$95 per person with a minimum of 20 people. If you do not have enough appointed board/commission members to fill a local class, call the cities and counties near you to see if they have an interest in co-hosting a class and sharing the cost.

For More Information or to Schedule a Class:

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