

**ARTICLE 14  
PLAN COMMISSION**

**SECTION 14.1**

There is hereby created a Zoning and Planning Commission for the City of Mt. Vernon (which Zoning and Planning Commission is also established by Article 21, Section 21-111 of the Revised Code of Ordinances). Said Zoning and Planning Commission shall perform the duties and have the authority as hereinafter set forth for the Plan Commission.

**SECTION 14.2**

The membership of the Zoning and Planning Commission shall consist of nine (9) members, all residents of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Members shall serve for a 5-year term, provided that in the event of a vacancy or late appointment the appointment shall be for the unexpired term only. The Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council shall appoint the membership and designate the Chairman who shall serve in this capacity until a vacancy in his term of appointment exists. Members of the Zoning and Planning Commission may be removed for cause after a public hearing. Cause shall include, but shall not be limited to, the failure to attend two consecutive meetings or four meetings during any 12-month period.

**SECTION 14.3**

In addition to the regular members provided for herein, the City Engineer shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of said Zoning and Planning Commission and shall aid, assist, and advise said Zoning and Planning Commission when requested.

**SECTION 14.4      PROCEDURE, POWERS AND DUTIES OF PLAN COMMISSION**

(a) Immediately following their appointment, the members of the Plan Commission shall meet, organize, elect such officers as it may deem necessary, and adopt and later change or alter rules and regulations of organization and procedure consistent with City ordinances and state laws. The Commission shall keep written records of its proceedings, which shall be open at all times to public inspection. The Commission shall also file an annual report with the City Council, setting forth its transactions and recommendations.

(b) Said Plan Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To prepare and recommend to the City Council of Mt. Vernon a comprehensive plan for the present and future development or redevelopment and growth of said City. Such a plan after its adoption by the City Council will be known as the official plan of Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Such plan shall include reasonable requirements with reference to streets, alleys, and public grounds within the corporate limits and in contiguous territory outside of and distant not more than one and one-half miles from such limits, and not included in any municipality, such requirements to be effective

whenever such lands shall be subdivided after the adoption of such plan.

2. To prepare and recommend to the City Council of Mt. Vernon from time to time, such changes in the plan or any part thereof, as may be deemed necessary by the City Council or by the Plan Commission.
3. To prepare and recommend to the City Council from time to time, plans and/or recommendations for specific improvements in pursuance of such official plan.
4. To give aid to the officials of the City of Mt. Vernon, charged with the direction of projects for improvements embraced within the official plan, to further the making of these projects, and generally to promote the realization of the official plan.
5. To arrange and conduct any form of publicity relative to its activities for the general purpose of public understanding.
6. To cooperate with municipal or regional planning commissions and other agencies or groups to further the local planning program and to assure harmonious and integrated planning for the area.
7. To exercise such other powers germane to the powers granted under authority of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois entitled, "The Illinois Municipal Code" and in particular, Sections 11-12-4 through 11-12-12 thereof, as amended, as may be conferred by the City Council of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

#### **SECTION 14.5**

Following the adoption of an official plan for the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, no map or plat of any subdivision or re-subdivision presented for record affecting land within the corporate limits of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, or in contiguous territory outside of the City limits of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and within a one and one-half (1½) mile radius thereof and not included within any other municipality, shall be entitled to record or shall be valid unless the said subdivision or re-subdivision shall provide for streets, alleys, public grounds and other requirements applicable thereto of such official plan.

#### **SECTION 14.6**

The City Clerk shall furnish the Plan Commission for its consideration a copy of all ordinances, plans and data that may in any way assist the said Plan Commission in its duties. That all City officials shall cooperate and assist the Plan Commission in its work and particularly, with reference to the official plan of the City of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

#### **SECTION 14.7**

The Plan Commission may, with the consent of the City Council, employ necessary help and incur necessary expenses in order to perform its duties.