

PUBLIC NOTICE

Union Area Regional Planning Commission – Vacancies

Union City Borough and Union Township are seeking interested residents to fill vacancies on the Union Area Regional Planning Commission, a multi-municipal planning commission serving Union City Borough and Union Township.

Available Appointments

The following vacancies will fill these **remaining terms**:

Borough Appointments

- 1) One (1) appointment expiring December 31, 2029
- 2) One (1) appointment expiring December 31, 2027

Township Appointments

- One (1) appointment expiring December 31, 2026
- One (1) appointment expiring December 31, 2027

Each position carries a four-year term. Applicants must be residents of the respective municipality for the seat they seek.

About the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is appointed by Borough Council and Township Supervisors and is responsible for:

- Preparing and updating the Comprehensive Plan for Union City Borough and Union Township
- Making recommendations regarding the Official Map
- Preparing and recommending zoning, subdivision, and land development ordinances
- Reviewing subdivision and land development plans
- Making recommendations to Borough Council and Township Supervisors for final approval

The Commission currently meets quarterly or as needed.

The Commission operates under the authority of the **Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), Act 247 of 1968, as amended.**

Structure of the Commission

The Union Area Regional Planning Commission consists of:

- Three (3) members appointed by Union City Borough
- Three (3) members appointed by Union Township

All recommendations of the Commission are presented to Borough Council and Township Supervisors for consideration and final action.

How to Apply

Interested residents should submit their contact information and any questions to:

Union City Borough Office

Email: Secretary@UCBorough.us

Phone: 814-438-2331

Union Township

Email: UnionTownship@Outlook.com

Phone: 814-566-0567

This is information from the Municipal Planning Code regarding a Planning Commission.

Section 202 If the governing body of any municipality shall elect to create a planning commission, such commission shall have not less than three nor more than nine members.

Section 205. Membership. All of the members of the planning commission shall be residents of the municipality. On all planning commissions appointed pursuant to this act, a certain number of the members, designated as citizen members shall not be officers or employees of the municipality. On a commission of three members at least two shall be citizen members. On a commission of four or five members at least three shall be citizen members. On a commission of either six or seven members at least five shall be citizen members, and on commissions of either eight or nine members at least six shall be citizen members.

Section 209.1. Powers and Duties of Planning Agency

- (a) The planning agency shall at the request of the governing body have the power and shall be required to:
 - 1) Prepare the comprehensive plan for the development of the municipality as set forth in this act, and present it for the consideration of the governing body.
 - 2) Maintain and keep on file records of its action. All records and files of the planning agency shall be in the possession of the governing body.

- (b) The planning agency at the request of the governing body may:
 - 1) Make recommendations to the governing body concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
 - 2) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a zoning ordinance, and make recommendations to the governing body on proposed amendments to it as set forth in this act.
 - 3) Prepare, recommend and administer subdivision and land development and planned residential development regulations, as set forth in this act.
 - 4) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a building code and a housing code and make recommendations concerning proposed amendments thereto.
 - 5) Do such other acts or make such studies as may be necessary to fulfill the duties and obligations imposed by this act.
 - 6) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality an environmental study.

- 7) Submit to the governing body of a municipality a recommended capital improvements program. (7.1) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a water survey, which shall consistent with the State Water Plan and any applicable water resources plan adopted by a river basin commission. The water survey shall be conducted in consultation with any public water supplier in the area to be surveyed.
- 8) Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning.
- 9) Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
- 10) Hold public hearings and meetings. (10.1) Present testimony before any board.
- 11) Require from other departments and agencies of the municipality such available information as relates to the work of the planning agency.
- 12) In the performance of its functions, enter upon any land to make examinations and surveys with the consent of the owner.
- 13) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the municipality.
- 14) Review the zoning ordinance, subdivision and land development ordinance, official map, provisions for planned residential development, and such other ordinances and regulations governing the development of land no less frequently than it reviews the comprehensive plan.

Additional requirements and qualifications pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code will apply. [PA Municipalities Planning Code \(MPC\) 2022](#)