CHAPTER 261

CITIES AND TOWNS-PLAN COMMISSIONS

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AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in chapter one hundred seventeen (117) of the acts of the forty-first general assembly, relating to the creation of city plan commissions, and to the powers and duties thereof, and to provide for the adoption by the commission of a comprehensive city plan, the approval thereof by the council of the municipality and for modifications and amendments thereof.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the law as it appears in chapter one hundred seventeen (117) of the acts of the forty-first general assembly be and the same is hereby amended by adding to said chapter one hundred seventeen (117) the following:

For the purpose of making a comprehensive plan for the physical development of the municipality, the city plan commission shall make careful and comprehensive studies of present conditions and future growth of the municipality and with due regard to its relation to neighboring territory. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the municipality and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.

SEC. 2. Before adopting the said comprehensive plan, or any part of it, or any substantial amendment thereof, the commission shall hold at least one public hearing thereon, notice of the time which shall be given by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality, not less than ten (10) nor more than twenty (20) days before the date of hearing. The adoption of the plan or part or amendment thereof shall be by resolution of the commission carried by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the commission. After adoption of said plan by the commission, an attested copy thereof shall be certified to the council of said municipality and the council may approve the same, and when said plan or any modification or amendment thereof shall receive the approval of the council, the said plan until subsequently modified or amended as authorized by this act shall constitute the official city plan of the said municipality.

SEC. 3. When such comprehensive plan has been adopted as above provided for, no substantial amendment or modification thereof shall be made without such proposed change being first referred to the city plan commission for its recommendation. If the city plan commission disapproves the proposed change, it may be adopted by the city council only by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths (34) of all the membership of such council.

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