

LAND USE PLANNING

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Orderly Development - Planning Process - Regional Approaches

The League supports comprehensive planning with representative citizen advisory bodies, adequate budgets, professional staffs and regional approaches to encourage coordination among political subdivisions.

The League believes:

- The concept of planning is a necessary and desirable adjunct of government to provide for orderly development.
- Regional planning as a necessary part of the total comprehensive planning process to provide for cooperation and coordination among political subdivisions.

Planning Agency (Commission)

The League of Women Voters of Thurston County **urges** local governing bodies to utilize the following criteria relative to the establishment and ongoing operation of local planning commissions:

1. Representation. Selection. Duties:

Members of the Advisory Body should be chosen for their unselfish interest and willingness to plan for the needs of the entire community. Members of the Advisory Body should be provided with the necessary tools to become thoroughly informed about planning and their role in the planning process, including the information and materials which would encourage evaluation of elements making for good or poor planning in other areas. Duties, responsibilities should include, but not be limited to:

- Providing for effective two-way communication between citizens and Advisory Body.
- Recommending plans and outlining procedure for working with other groups and agencies concerned with planning within and contiguous to the County.

2. Staff- Salaries, Qualifications:

Adequate salary should be provided to acquire competent personnel. Professional staff should be adequate in number and competent to meet the specific requirements of the job to be done. Job descriptions and qualifications should be clearly defined.

3. Financing:

All sources of financing both public and private should be explored in seeking to most efficiently and economically provide an adequate budget to prepare a sound comprehensive plan to implement the planning.