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Planning Commission Duties, Responsibilities, and Benefits

The members of the Planning Commission are tasked with a variety of duties, most of which relate to the implementation of the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Commission reviews development applications for Conditional Use Permits, Subdivision Maps, Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Zone Changes, General Plan Amendments, Specific Plans, Variances and the like. These applications and actions shape the location, intensity, and design of development in Palmdale.

Pursuant to Resolution No. CC 2009-093, adopted by the City Council on June 3, 2009, the Regular meeting date of the Planning Commission of the City of Palmdale is the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. On occasion, additional meetings are held to discuss agenda items. Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and can last for several hours as the Planning Commission considers each project on each agenda, including any public testimony. Agendas have contained an average of six items, with the largest agenda containing nine items. Approximately a week before each meeting, a packet of staff reports and correspondence is provided to each Commissioner in order to allow an opportunity for the Commissioners to prepare for their deliberation of each agenda item. These packets often contain over 100 pages of information.

In addition to the responsibilities described above, Planning Commissioners may serve on special ad hoc committees.

Planning Commissioners belong to the retirement system of PARS. Commissioners receive \$100 per meeting for a maximum of \$200 per month.