

AN ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR A COMBINED PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
FOR THE TOWN OF PUTNAM

Be it ordained by the Town Meeting of the Town of Putnam:

Section 1. Authority

Pursuant to Chapter Six, Section Two of the Charter of the Town of Putnam and Section 8-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Zoning Commission is hereby designated to be the combined Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Putnam.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to discharge the duties specified in Chapters 124 and 126 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. Organization/Terms/Membership

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Putnam shall consist of five (5) regular members and three (3) alternate members who shall be electors of the Town of Putnam and shall hold no salaried municipal office. Members shall commence to serve their terms immediately upon appointment and shall serve until their successor has qualified or they have been reappointed or removed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Board of Selectmen. Following the expiration of the terms of the initial members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, members and alternates shall be appointed for terms of five (5) years.

Regular members and alternate members of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall not be regular or alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Appointment and removal of any regular member or alternate member of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be as provided for in Chapter Six, Section Three of the Charter of the Town of Putnam.

Section 4. Alternate Members

Such alternate members shall, when seated as herein provided, have all of the powers and duties set forth in the Connecticut General Statutes or any special act relating to the Planning and Zoning Commission and its members.

If a regular member of the Planning and Zoning Commission is absent or disqualified, the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall designate an alternate to so act, choosing alternates in rotation so that they shall act as nearly equal a number of times as possible. If any alternate member is not available in accordance with such rotation, such fact shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Section 5. Duties

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall have all of the duties as specified in Chapter Six, Section Two of the Charter of the Town of Putnam for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission, in addition to any powers previously granted by resolution or ordinance to either the Planning Commission or the Zoning Commission of the Town.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall also be empowered to act as the Aquifer Protection Agency of the Town of Putnam upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

The Zoning Regulations of the Town of Putnam, as adopted and made effective January 1, 1957 and as thereafter amended, shall remain in full force and effect except as they may be further amended by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Putnam by procedures established in the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Subdivision Regulations of the Town of Putnam, as adopted and made effective June 15, 1956 and as thereafter amended, shall remain in full force and effect except as they may be further amended by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Putnam by procedures established in the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 6. Severability

If any section, or part of a section, of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not be deemed to invalidate the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date

In accordance with the Charter of the Town of Putnam, this ordinance shall be effective twenty-one (21) days after publication.