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## **PLANNING & ZONING**

### **OUR COMMUNITY IS READY TO ASSIST AND HELP BUSINESSES GROW AND THRIVE.**

Topeka is located within Shawnee County. Depending on the site or building, the planning and zoning may be enforced by either the city or the county. Either way, our community stands ready to assist in development to strengthen our economy and help businesses grow and thrive.

### **SHAWNEE COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

The Planning Department, under the authority and policy direction of the Board of Commissioners of Shawnee County, is responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing County land use policies and regulations; processing and issuing building, zoning, and other development permits; administering [county floodplain regulations](#); and carrying out long-range community planning. The department provides staff support to the Shawnee County [Planning Commission](#), Shawnee County Board of Zoning Appeals, and [County Commission](#).

For more information on Shawnee County regulations please visit their website [here](#).

### **CITY OF TOPEKA PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

Current Planning assists property owners, developers, business owners, and neighborhood groups by facilitating the land development and zoning process. Staff handles the review of rezoning and subdivision plat applications; commercial building site and landscape plans; residential building permits; Board of Zoning Appeals variances and appeals; and vacations of streets, alleys, and easements. Staff reviews these applications for consistency and conformance to the City of Topeka's Zoning Regulations and Comprehensive Plan. A planner of the day is available to answer questions and inquiries on land development, zoning and subdivisions during business hours. Current Planning also arranges pre-application submittal meetings with all of the appropriate City of Topeka staff on matters of land development, zoning, and subdivision platting.

To inquire about planning in the city of Topeka visit their website [here](#).