

Joint Municipal Planning Act (Public Act 226 of 2003)

125.135 Joint Planning Commission; approval of agreement; specifications.

Sec. 5. Subject to section 9, the legislative bodies of 2 or more municipalities may each adopt an ordinance approving an agreement establishing a joint planning commission. The agreement shall specify at least all of the following:

(a) The composition of the joint planning commission, including any alternate members.

Two members from each jurisdiction, plus the Village Manager. Each jurisdiction will appoint an alternate. (Each member has one vote.)

(b) The qualifications, the selection by election or appointment, and the terms of office of members of the joint planning commission.

- **Each jurisdiction will appoint one member from the board/council and one from the planning commission.**
- **The members will be appointed by the Township Boards and Village Council.**
- **Appointments will be for 3 years and initial terms will be staggered.**

(c) Conditions and procedures for removal from office of members of the joint planning commission and for filling vacancies in the joint planning commission.

The JPC may request the removal of a member. Only the appointing entity may remove the member. Removal shall be “for cause” and follow a hearing.

Vacancies will be filled by appointment from the participating jurisdiction.

(d) How the operating budget of the joint planning commission will be shared by the participating municipalities.

The budget will be split equally b all participating jurisdictions. (Village will act as fiduciary.)

(e) The jurisdictional area of the joint planning commission, which may consist of all or part of the combined territory of the participating municipalities.

The entire area of each participating jurisdiction will be included under the joint planning commission.

(f) Procedures by which a municipality may join or withdraw from the joint planning commission.

Jurisdictions may petition to join with a resolution committing to the terms and conditions of the agreement. The JPC recommend to participating municipalities which vote to accept or reject.

Jurisdictions may withdraw from the JPC subject to the payment of all obligations, the provision of public notice and a public hearing, and the passage of an ordinance.

(g) The planning act whose procedure will be followed by the joint planning commission in adopting a plan or exercising any other power or performing any other duty of a planning commission. The planning act shall be a planning act that would otherwise be applicable to at least 1 participating municipality.

The Township Planning Act (Public Act 168 of 1959)

(h) The zoning act whose procedure will be followed by the joint planning commission in exercising the powers and performing the duties of a zoning board or zoning commission. The zoning act shall be a zoning act that would otherwise be applicable to at least 1 participating municipality.

The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (Public Act 110 of 2006)

(i) Any additional provision concerning the powers or duties of a zoning board or zoning commission that the zoning act specified pursuant to subdivision (h) authorizes to be set forth in a zoning ordinance and that is agreed to by the participating municipalities.

The township boards and village council will approve or reject the new joint master plan.