



Town of Wheatland
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Town of Wheatland/County of Platte Joint Planner

Department: Building Inspector/Planner

General Purpose:

Performs a variety of working level professional and technical duties as needed, to implement Town of Wheatland/County of Platte general plans, master plans and programs related to long range planning and/or code compliance. Assists in the monitoring of community compliance with established building, planning, zoning and development ordinances.

Supervision Received:

Planner will work under the broad policy, guidance and direction of the Town Mayor, Clerk and County Commissioners.

Supervision Provided:

Planner could provide general supervisory tasks of Town/County staff on a project-by-project basis.

Essential Functions:

- **Planning & Zoning:**
 - Participates in or coordinates subdivision, rezoning, annexation and special use approval processes; coordinates and prepares technical review to both Town and County Planning Boards and the Town of Wheatland Board of Adjustments.
 - Analyzes general plan, policies, ordinance compliance, and performance standards then recommends approval or denial of requests and applications.
 - Prepares written reports in response to public requests, assists with implementations of land development ordinances, and maintains records, logs, and pertinent reports.
 - Recommends action related to planning, zoning and ordinance compliance.
 - Manages personal work load of planning projects related to policy development, land use, demographic analysis, housing, economic development/impact, transportation, environmental assessments, etc.
 - Conducts research on issues, policies and concepts pertaining to planning, zoning and community development
 - Presents findings to the respective Planning Board, Board of Adjustments, Town Council and/or the Development Review Committee.

- Prepares written reports in response to public requests for zoning applications and various ordinance changes.
- Reviews and updates ordinances affecting planning, zoning, signing, traffic, development and related department areas.
- Prepares and updates various land use and planning maps.
- Operates computer to generate computerized maps illustrating Town of Wheatland/County of Platte infrastructure - i.e. water, wastewater, buildings, flood plains and zoning designations.
- Utilizes computer to conduct various research and solve planning problems; assists in maintaining effective software.
- Meets with developers and general public to discuss planning, zoning, and development issues.
- Assists the public in defining concerns, and then presents public questions to management.
- Follows up on the appraisal of policies and decisions and coordinate the preparation of meeting agendas as required
- Publishes notices as required of meetings via the local newspaper.
- Negotiates and/or arbitrates planning solutions for complex development projects with citizen groups, developers, property owners, and government officials.
- Attends town council meetings, citizens committees, pre-application meetings, Board of Adjustment meetings and planning commission meetings.
- Participates in project review meetings with various Town of Wheatland/County of Platte departments and developer representatives
- Identifies problem areas and negotiates options for compliance.
- May review commercial and residential building permits, plans and specifications to assure compliance with zoning ordinances.
- Assures proper legal documents are recorded with the County related to subdivisions plats, annexation plats, and all ordinances pertaining to waivers, amendments, abandonment, street changes and vacates, etc.
- Prepares specialized reports; drafts consolidated plans and annual performance reports for delivery to federal agencies as required.
- May act as a grant administrator; may prepare various grant applications.
- Conducts regular reviews of codes, ordinances, and regulations
- Assists in adapting, modifying or rewriting codes as needed.
- Prepares and provides written and oral reports to the town council, boards, committees, and public interest groups as required.
- May perform related duties as required.

Minimum Qualifications:

- **Education and Experience:**

- Graduation from college with a bachelor's degree in urban planning, geography, landscape architecture, public administration or a closely related field.

AND

- Reasonable experience performing the above related duties.

OR

- An equivalent combination of education and experience.

- **Working Knowledge:**

- Understanding the principles and practices of urban planning, building construction, site development, master planning, zoning, ordinances, design, historical preservation, environmental protection, architecture, economics, sociology and community organizations as applied toward urban and rural planning models.
- Skill in the art of diplomacy, cooperative problem solving, developing complex presentations and public speaking before large audiences.

- **Special Qualifications:**

- Must obtain and maintain a membership to the American Planning Association. AICP certification is preferred. Must possess a valid Wyoming driver's license.

- **Work Environment:**

- Tasks require a variety of physical activities, not generally involving muscular strain. Physical demands may occur in activities related to walking, standing, stooping, sitting, reaching, etc. Talking, hearing and seeing is required in the daily performance of job duties.