



**City of Desert Hot Springs**  
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## **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please complete and return by Friday, June 26, 2020 (midnight)  
Return by email to: [rbetts@cityofdhs.org](mailto:rbetts@cityofdhs.org)

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you read the FPPC regulations regarding conflict of interest?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you understand the FPPC rules as they would apply to a Planning Commissioner with regard to reporting and recusal requirements?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have a business in Desert Hot Springs or conduct business in Desert Hot Springs (92240)?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have a relationship as an employee or other subordinate professional position to a city council member or other city official that might lead you to feel pressured to make a decision other than one as an independent planning commissioner?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have any business relationships such as partner or owner or other financial interest with a development company that is or could in the future come before the Planning Commission for approval of a development project?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you work in a profession such as realtor or owner/employee of a property management company or have other business endeavors that will preclude you from voting on certain projects, or with certain applicants due to potential or actual reportable commissions or other revenue earned?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your experience reading and understanding architectural plans, grading plans, retention basin plans, traffic flows, lot size, building plans and landscape plans in relation to residential and commercial development? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. How well do you know the current Desert Hot Springs planning code?

NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT \_\_\_\_\_  
 I KNOW WHAT IT IS BUT HAVE NOT LOOKED AT IT \_\_\_\_\_  
 I KNOW IT AND HAVE REFERENCED IT IN THE PAST \_\_\_\_\_

9. Approximately how many Planning Commission meetings have you attended in the last 3 years?

NONE \_\_\_\_\_ 1 TO 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 OR MORE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

10. Approximately how many Desert Hot Springs City Council meetings have you attended in the last three years?

NONE \_\_\_\_\_ 1 TO 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 OR MORE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

11. Planning Commission meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday and additional special meetings may be called. Can you meet this time commitment for Planning Commission meetings?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

12. How many business days in advance of an upcoming Planning Commission meeting would like to receive an agenda to allow you time to review, research and prepare yourself for the meeting?

1 DAY \_\_\_\_\_ 3 DAYS \_\_\_\_\_ 5 DAYS \_\_\_\_\_ 2 WEEKS \_\_\_\_\_

13. Have you read Robert's Rules of Order and/or Rosenberg's Rules of Order (otherwise referred to as parliamentary procedure) that govern procedure of a meeting ?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

14. Do you have knowledge of and understand the following terms?

Negative declarations.	YES _____	NO _____
Mitigated negative declarations	YES _____	NO _____
Notice of exemptions.	YES _____	NO _____
Conditions of approval.	YES _____	NO _____
The State Subdivision Map Act.	YES _____	NO _____
California Environmental Quality Act	YES _____	NO _____

15. Do you know the difference between an application for a conditional use permit and a variance?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

16. If you noticed that a project that was previously approved by the Planning Commission was not being constructed as approved by the Planning Commission, would you bring the matter to the attention of your fellow Planning Commissioners during a meeting of the Planning Commission?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

17. At times, a City Planner will misinterpret a city code or overlook a requirement contained in the code when presenting an item to the Planning Commission. How will your background and experience help you understand when such mistake has been made? How would you address the situation?

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19. How do you view the role of city staff such as the Planning Director and the City attorney in terms of their interaction with the Planning Commission?

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20. What do you think the single most important skill for a Planning Commissioner to have?

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