

## **Duties and Responsibilities of the City Council**

The electors of the city shall elect a City Council of seven members, one of whom shall serve as Mayor, which Council shall constitute the legislative and governing body of the city and which shall have power and authority, except as in this charter or by statute otherwise provided, to exercise all powers conferred upon or possessed by the city, and shall have the power and authority to adopt such laws, ordinances and resolutions as it shall deem proper in the exercise thereof.

The City Council meets the first and third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

The City Council shall have the following responsibilities and authority:

*Adoption of zoning ordinance and amendments.* In accordance with the intent and purposes of this chapter, and pursuant to the authority conferred by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006 (as amended), the city council shall have the authority to adopt this chapter, as well as amendments previously considered by the city council at a hearing or as decreed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

*Setting of fees.* The city council shall have the authority to set all fees for permits, applications, and requests for action pursuant to the regulations set forth in this chapter. In the absence of specific action taken by the city council to set a fee for a specific permit or application, the appropriate city administrative official shall assess the fee based on the estimated costs of processing and reviewing the permit or application.

*Approval of planning commission members.* In accordance with the Municipal Planning Act, Michigan Public Act 33 of 2008, as amended, members of the planning commission shall be appointed by the city mayor with the approval of the city council.

*Special land use.* City Council review and approval is required for all special land uses.