

The Zoning Basics Course

*Co-sponsored by the Berks County Planning Commission, the Berks County Bar Association
And the PA State Association of Boroughs*

Date/Time

Thursday's November 7, 14, 21, 2013
6:30 - 9:30 PM
Registration at 6 PM on 11/7

Location

Albright College Campus Center
13th & Bern Street

Instructors

Instructors are certified by the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI).

Program Fees

Sponsors \$110, Non-Sponsors \$140
CLE Credits add \$110 to the appropriate fee above.

Make Checks payable to Albright College.

Master Planner Certification & Continuing Education Units

Participants will receive 9 hours of credit toward Master Planner certification by the Berks County Planning Commission, attorneys are eligible for 9 Continuing Legal Education Units (CLE), and real estate appraisers are eligible for 10 continuing education credits.

Who Should Attend:

Elected officials, zoning hearing board members, solicitors, planning commissioners, zoning officers, and any other individuals interested in the topic.

Please Return Form to:

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Reading, PA 19612-5234
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Zoning is the most complex and provocative topic in planning, and this "nuts and bolts" course stresses the fundamentals of developing a sound zoning ordinance using the authority in the Municipalities Planning Code. The course starts with the evolution of zoning in the early 20th century and how it shapes the way zoning is practiced in 21st century Pennsylvania. Course topics include:

- the relationship of zoning to comprehensive plans and the need for them to be consistent
- understanding the terms used in zoning
- key issues in drafting the zoning ordinance and map
- adopting and amending ordinances
- zoning ordinance administration
- the use of MPC authority for joint municipal zoning, planned residential development and traditional neighborhood development options in ordinances

Built into the course are mapping exercises, reviews of zoning ordinance provisions, and discussion of problem situations.

Course Objectives

The course is designed to educate the participants in –

- the importance of the "police power" as the foundation of zoning
- key provisions of the PA MPC pertaining to zoning
- the steps in drafting a zoning ordinance
- basic and advanced techniques for regulating land use
- the procedure for enacting and amending zoning ordinances
- meeting their obligation to provide for all land uses

Course Content

1. The Evolution and Foundation of Zoning in PA
2. The Authority to Zone in the MPC
3. Steps in Drafting a Zoning Ordinance
4. Advanced Zoning Techniques
5. Ordinance Enactment and Amendment
6. Administering the Zoning Ordinance
7. Monitoring the Zoning Ordinance
8. Ethical Issues in Zoning

Zoning Basics Registration Form

To register online, please visit our website at www.albright.edu/localgov

Name:

Municipality:

Title:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail Address:

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 Individual from a non-sponsoring municipality/organization \$140
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