

# **TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION (TMAPC)**

## **OVERVIEW**

The Tulsa Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (TMAPC) is a joint City-County cooperative planning commission authorized by Oklahoma Statutes, Title 19, Section 863. It was created in 1953 by the Tulsa City Commission and the Tulsa County Board of Commissioners. The TMAPC is a recommending body for all zoning requests initiated within the Tulsa city limits and all of the unincorporated areas of Tulsa County (TMAPC's jurisdictional area).

New subdivision plats and lot splits (minor subdivisions) are processed by the TMAPC and must meet the adopted Subdivision Regulations for the Tulsa Metropolitan Area.

The TMAPC has the responsibility for adopting the Comprehensive Plan for the Tulsa metropolitan area, which also requires approval by the City Council and County Commission. The Comprehensive Plan serves as the basis for evaluating all zoning requests and is the single-most important planning document. It sets forth the adopted planning and development policies Tulsa wants to achieve as a community. The original Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the TMAPC in 1960, with a major update beginning in 1974 and completed in 1978. Elements of the Comprehensive Plan, such as the Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan, are updated periodically, and amendments to the Comprehensive Plan Map and Text occur annually or as the need arises. In addition, specific planning studies are authorized by the TMAPC each year as part of their Annual Work Program. The TMAPC is also responsible for adoption and maintenance of several ordinances and codes regulating planning and zoning.

According to Oklahoma Statutes, the Mayor, with approval of the City Council, appoints six members to the TMAPC, and the three County Commissioners each appoint a member, for a total of nine appointed TMAPC members. In addition, the Mayor and the Chair of the County Commission, or their designees, serve as ex-officio members, bringing the total TMAPC membership to eleven. Appointed members serve without compensation for terms of three years. Members serve until their terms expire or a succession has been appointed, whichever comes later.

The INCOG staff, under agreement with the City of Tulsa and Tulsa County is the primary provider of professional planning staff for the TMAPC.