

Subject: Encouraged Attendance of Annual Planning & Zoning Training Seminars and Workshops
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BACKGROUND:

Just as people in business must plan for the future of their company, their store, or their office, Mayors and City Council Members must plan for the future of their City. In government, as in business, present needs must be addressed and future trends and problems anticipated, with appropriate measures taken so that operations continue to run smoothly and efficiently. Planning is essential to enable persons in business or government officials to anticipate future needs and to provide the products or services that customers or citizens will expect.¹

POLICY:

The Community Planning Academy (CPA), of the Atlanta Regional Commission, offers high-quality and cost effective training and workshops to appointed citizen planners, local elected officials and local government employees. CPA provides planners and decision makers with tools to make effective decisions regarding their community's future policy.

Furthermore, the Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Municipal Association and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government also offer training seminars and workshops pertaining to Planning, Zoning and Economic Development issues.

It is hereby the policy of the Mayor and Council to budget for and encourage attendance to these trainings and workshops annually for the elected officials, appointed citizen board members and local government employees.

¹ Fourth Edition: "Handbook for Georgia Mayors and Council Members" – Carl Vinson Institute of Government/GMA