Elected officials and citizen-led boards and commissions make up the backbone of the local planning and zoning process. Unfortunately, the issues surrounding land use, and the tools and techniques available to address them, are becoming increasingly complex. At the same time developers, landowners, and residents are increasingly likely to litigate over unfavorable decisions.

The Introduction to Planning and Zoning workshop is designed as a “basic training” for local elected and appointed officials on the land use issues facing them today. Using case scenarios in a highly-interactive format, it will provide participants with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the planning commission, the board of adjustment, and the elected council and board of supervisors. It also will highlight legal issues frequently faced by local officials, such as variances, special uses, nonconforming uses, spot zoning, hearing procedures, and conflicts of interest. The workshop is intended primarily for local officials new to planning and zoning issues, though it also will serve as a refresher for veteran members.
The Introduction to Planning and Zoning for Local Officials workshops are offered annually across the state. Locations change from year-to-year so that city officials can attend a location near them at least once every two years.

**March 21**
- **Okoboji**
  - Arrowwood Okoboji
  - 1405 Hwy 71, Okoboji

**March 22**
- **Clear Lake**
  - Best Western Holiday Lodge
  - 2023 7th Ave N. Po Bos 610, Clear Lake

**April 5**
- **Decorah**
  - Hotel Winneshiek
  - 104 East Water Street, Decorah

**April 6**
- **Cedar Rapids**
  - Clarion Hotel & Convention Center
  - 525 33rd Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids

**April 11**
- **Sioux City**
  - Bev’s on the River
  - 1110 Larsen Park Road, Sioux City

**April 19**
- **Creston**
  - Supertel Inn & Conference Center
  - 800 Laurel St, Creston

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We have moved exclusively to an online registration system for the Planning and Zoning for Local Officials workshops.

To register, go to
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Click on the “Intro to Planning and Zoning Workshops” tab at the top of the page, then click on the “Register Online Here” link. When you register you will have the option to pay by credit card, or to be invoiced via email.

To receive a meal you must register at least one week before the scheduled date of the workshop you wish to attend. You may register and pay at the door on the day of the workshop if you cannot register by the one-week deadline; however, no meal will be provided.

If you have registered but find you cannot attend you may send a substitute or cancel your registration; however, no refunds will be made for cancellations received less than 3 business days prior to the workshop. No exceptions.

**Certification Credits**
The workshop has been pre-approved by the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association and the Iowa League of Cities for credits toward certification.

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