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.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The workshop will cover the following topics:

1. Overview of the Planning Process
2. Roles and Responsibilities of Local Officials
3. Legal Issues:
   - Variances
   - Special Uses
   - Nonconforming Uses
   - Spot Zoning
   - Hearing Procedures
   - Conflicts of Interest

Participants will leave with a better understanding of the planning process and how to navigate the legal issues that often arise in planning and zoning decisions.

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The Introduction to Planning and Zoning Workshops will be held in seven locations throughout Iowa in March and April 2015.

All programs will begin with registration and a light supper at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude by 8:45 p.m.

The registration fee is $65 per individual. This fee is reduced to $50 per individual if a city or county registers 5 or more officials to attend. This fee covers supper and the workshop materials.

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

To register, go to http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/planningBLUZ

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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