



City of Holyoke
Office of Planning and Economic Development
Full-Time Planner II
JOB POSTING – March 3, 2023 - March 17, 2023

Position Purpose:

Provides assistance to the Director of Planning & Economic Development and Assistant Director of Planning in administering the activities of the Planning Department, with a focus on the Cannabis Industry. Additional responsibilities may include supporting the work of the Planning Board; performs all other related work as required.

Essential Functions:

(The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.)

- Assists the Director and Assistant Director of Planning in administering the activities of the Planning Board; prepares correspondence and reports as required.
- Has knowledge of both the local and State regulations regarding the legal cannabis industry. **CMR 935**
- Has knowledge of best practices and regulations regarding the legal cannabis industry. **CMR 935**
- Acts as a liaison between the office and the legal cannabis industry.
- Assists in the review of Planning Board Special Permit applications, Zoning Ordinance(s), Subdivision Control Regulations, , and Site Plan Review applications.
- Represents the Office of Planning & Economic Development, and the City of Holyoke at both on-site meetings, committees, workshops, seminars, and other related activities.
- Coordinates, convenes, and attends meetings related to projects; conducts field inspections with relevant staff and project representatives.
- Assists in the preparation of planning program documents and strategic projects as required.
- Performs similar or related work as required, directed, or as the situation dictates.

Recommended Minimum Qualifications:

Education, Training and Experience:

Minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in urban planning, government, urban geography, or other related fields closely related to urban or regional planning and at least two years of paid professional experience in urban or regional planning; or any equivalent combination of education and experience. **Consideration given to candidates who have completed a Cannabis Core Training / Cannabis Core Certificate at an approved learning institution.**

Knowledge, Ability and Skill:

Knowledge: Knowledge in planning, land use and zoning issues, site plan review, public infrastructure projects, environmental sustainability and economic development. Knowledge of related state and federal laws and regulations and City ordinances. Knowledge of the Cannabis Control Commission regulations 935 CMR 500.000. Knowledge of grant policies, procedures and methods. Working knowledge of computer equipment and software. Knowledge of MGL Ch 40A, Zoning and MGL Ch41, Administration of Government, preferred.

Ability: Prepares routine to complex correspondence and reports utilizing computerized office applications. Ability to develop effective and constructive working relationships with staff, other city employees, elected and appointed officials, contractors, and the public; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Ability to read plans and blueprints. Ability to understand codes, regulations, and ordinances. Ability to work with interruptions.

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Skills: Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Strong technical writing and presentation skills; proficient computer skills including MS Office, Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, and Illustrator; knowledge of Arcview GIS (ESRI).

Physical Requirements:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. This position is regularly required to walk, stand, sit, talk, and hear; handles, feels or operates objects or controls, and reach with hands and arms as in picking up paper, files, and other common office objects. Employee may occasionally lift and/or move objects weighing up to 20 pounds. Vision and hearing at or correctable to normal ranges.

Supervision:

Supervision Scope: Performs complex and responsible duties requiring initiative and independent judgment in the planning, administration and execution of the department's services.

Supervision Received: Works under the administrative direction of the Director of Planning and Economic Development and Assistant Director of Planning, under the oversight and guidance of the Planning Board in accordance with the Board's bylaws and any other applicable municipal regulations.

Supervision Given: Exercises technical and administrative supervision over full and part time employees and contract employees as needed, pertaining to specific tasks or projects. Provides assistance to the Director and Assistant Director of Planning in administering the activities of the department and exercises, including overseeing work by Department Clerk(s) and interns and/or seasonal staff.

Job Environment:

- Work is performed under typical office setting; work environment is moderately noisy; work is conducted in the field with exposure to various weather conditions; travels regionally, tours off-premises work sites and attends evening meetings.
- Operates an automobile. Operates computer, telephone, copier, large format plotter and scanner and other standard office equipment.
- Makes frequent contact with the general public; municipal, state and federal representatives; elected and appointed officials; businesses; property owners; consultants; various professionals; board members of municipal corporations; and, agencies and regulatory bodies as well as contractors and subcontractors. Contacts are in person on site as well as off site, by phone, email and in writing and via various stakeholder meetings, hearings, and other events.
- Has access to department-related confidential and/or sensitive information.
- Errors in judgment could result in delays or loss of service, injuries to others, monetary loss, and have legal or financial repercussions.

This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) status: Exempt (Salary)

Employment status & Hours: Regular Full-Time employment, 35 hours per week, Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
Occasional evening meetings.

Pay Rate: \$53,006.48 - \$60,957.45; Grade 9, Professional Supervisors Association, PSA

Employee Benefits: Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Optional Vision, Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

Please send your letter of interest and your resume by email to personnel@holyoke.org.

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