§ 21.006. Zoning Commission

(a) The governing body of the city of Des Moines shall establish a zoning commission. The commission shall be composed of seven members, each of whom shall be appointed by the governing body. The members shall be residents of the city of Des Moines and shall serve for terms of three years, with the terms of appointments to be staggered. The commission shall have the power to make and adopt general and specific zoning regulations for the city of Des Moines, and to prepare a comprehensive plan for the city.

§ 21.007. Compliance With Comprehensive Plan

(a) The comprehensive plan for the city of Des Moines shall be adopted by the governing body of the city. The plan shall be prepared by a professional planning consultant and shall be adopted by the governing body of the city. The governing body shall also adopt a land use plan for the city. The plan shall be reviewed and approved by the governing body of the city before it is adopted.

§ 21.008. Zoning Districts

(a) The city of Des Moines shall be divided into the following zoning districts:

1. Commercial Zoning District
2. Industrial Zoning District
3. Residential Zoning District
4. Special Use District

§ 21.009. Zoning Regulations

(a) The governing body of the city of Des Moines shall adopt zoning regulations for each of the zoning districts established by Section 21.008. The regulations shall be consistent with the comprehensive plan for the city and shall be adopted by the governing body of the city.

§ 21.010. Application for Approval

(a) A person desiring approval of any aspect of a plan that is subject to the jurisdiction of this chapter shall file an application with the zoning commission, which shall consist of the governing body of the city of Des Moines. The application shall be filed at least 30 days before the date of the hearing before the zoning commission.

§ 21.011. Decision of the Zoning Commission

(a) The zoning commission shall make a decision on the application within 30 days after the date of the hearing. The decision shall be in writing and shall be final. The decision shall be based on the application, the evidence presented at the hearing, the recommendations of the planning and zoning commission, and the regulations of the city of Des Moines.