

Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI)

2020 ONLINE Schedule

PMPEI ONLINE LEARNING:

Building a Strong Planning Commission

Thursday, July 16, August 6, September 10, 2020 • 5:30 pm-7:00 pm \$25 (1.5 CBO)

A strong and well-organized planning commission is the key to a successful planning program. While MPC Article II provides the authority to have a planning commission it offers no guidance for how to be an effective unit serving the elected governing body and the community. Using hands-on activities and interactive discussions this course explores the full range of a planning commission's work, how it can be organized to accomplish more of its goals, and what's needed to prepare members to get involved in the group's work. Class size is limited to 25 so individual issues and questions can be addressed.

The Limits to Zoning

Thursday, July 9, August 13, September 17, 2020 • 5:30pm – 7:00pm \$25 1.5 (CBO)

Zoning is a powerful tool of local government used in over 2000 Pennsylvania municipalities, but its power is not unlimited. Community expectations for zoning are high but ordinance drafters and administrators must know what the limitations are and the effect they have on a municipality's zoning program. This course will explore these limitations such as those in the MPC itself, the Police Power, non-conforming use property rights, and state and federal laws impacting local zoning. This is not a zoning case law update, but it is an interactive discussion of common zoning issues with an opportunity to look at them in the context of the course. Class size is limited to 25 so individual issues and questions can be addressed.

These online classes will satisfy CBO classroom credit hours as noted for the PMPEI classroom training requirement, a total of 10 hours is required. The series will be interactive and include group discussions. Class size is limited to 25 participants.