

## The Zoning Basics Course

*Co-sponsored by the Berks County Planning Commission, the Berks County Bar Association  
And the PA State Association of Boroughs*

**Date/Time**

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 24, 2019  
6:30 - 9:30 PM

**Location**

Albright College, Roessner Hall  
N. 13<sup>th</sup> and Rockland Streets  
Reading, PA

**Instructors**

Instructors certified by the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI) teach the course.

**Program Fees**

Class Fee \$95  
Refreshments for all 3 classes \$15

**CLE Credits** add \$65

**Realtor® CE** add \$35

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"Albright College".

**Registration:** Pre-registration is required.

**Master Planner Certification  
& Continuing Education Units**

Participants will receive 9 hours of credit toward Master Planner certification by the Berks County Planning Commission, attorneys are eligible for 9 Continuing Legal Education Units (CLE), and real estate appraisers, brokers and salesmen are eligible for 10 continuing education credits.

Zoning is the most complex and provocative topic in planning, and this "nuts and bolts" course stresses the fundamentals of developing a sound zoning ordinance using the authority in the Municipalities Planning Code. The course starts with the evolution of zoning in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and how it shapes the way zoning is practiced in 21<sup>st</sup> century Pennsylvania. Course topics include:

- the relationship of zoning to comprehensive plans and the need for them to be consistent
- understanding the terms used in zoning
- key issues in drafting the zoning ordinance and map
- adopting and amending ordinances
- zoning ordinance administration
- the use of MPC authority for joint municipal zoning, planned residential development and traditional neighborhood development options in ordinances

Built into the course are mapping exercises, reviews of zoning ordinance provisions, and discussion of problem situations.

**Course Objectives**

The course is designed to educate the participants in –

- the importance of the "police power" as the foundation of zoning
- key provisions of the PA MPC pertaining to zoning
- the steps in drafting a zoning ordinance
- basic and advanced techniques for regulating land use
- the procedure for enacting and amending zoning ordinances
- meeting their obligation to provide for all land uses

**Course Content**

1. The Evolution and Foundation of Zoning in PA
2. The Authority to Zone in the MPC
3. Steps in Drafting a Zoning Ordinance
4. Advanced Zoning Techniques
5. Ordinance Enactment and Amendment
6. Administering the Zoning Ordinance
7. Monitoring the Zoning Ordinance
8. Ethical Issues in Zoning

**Real Estate CE Approval Number:** RECE003870/Schlicher Kratz

### Zoning Basics Registration Form

*To register online, please visit our website at [www.albright.edu/localgov](http://www.albright.edu/localgov)*

Name:

Municipality:

Title:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail Address:

- Individual from a sponsoring municipality/organization \$110  
 9 CLE credits (attorneys only) add \$65 to the appropriate fee above.  
 7 CE credits (Realtor® only) add \$35 to the appropriate fee above  
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