



The City of Detroit seeks:

Planner I – Urban Design

Cross-trained in:

- Urban Design

and

- Land Use or Physical Neighborhood Planning
- Practices in Sustainability

Skilled in:

- Planning principles
- Urban Design Principles
- Community Engagement
- Public Presentations
- Project Management

Possesses:

- A Bachelor's or Master's degree in planning or urban design
- 1-3 years of professional cross-trained experience
- Proficiency with digital design and design software
- Excellent hand drawing skills a plus

Under new leadership, the City of Detroit's Planning & Development Department is reorganizing to create a new, innovative model of public practice and community engagement in urban revitalization.

The city is seeking a creative and motivated individual to serve as a **Planner I – Urban Design**. The ideal candidate will be cross-trained or experienced in Urban Design and Land Use or Physical Neighborhood Planning. Familiarity with sustainability practices in urban design is a plus. S/He will be a technically skilled professional, willing to engage with local leaders and community stakeholders to assist our department in creating a participatory model of urban planning, design and development that encourages renewed population growth within the city and ensures that every neighborhood has a future.

Working under the direction of a Design Director for the East Side, West Side or Central Design Division, the Planner I will be responsible for developing planning studies, providing city oversight on ongoing development projects, and creating urban design guidelines and reports in support of new and updated plans, program and regulations to shape the vision for a geographic city region. Key responsibilities will include:



- Develop and present creative urban design concepts
- Review or assist in review of moderately difficult development proposals and site plans for conformance with codes and urban design excellence standards
- Provide design input, strategy, support
- Engage deeply in community processes

- Articulate and elevate a vision for urban life, first; the public spaces that sustain urban life, second; and then the buildings that shape space

- Prepare and present evaluations of development proposals to government bodies
- Design and prepare illustrative and graphic presentation materials for public hearings and meetings, and provide visual recommendations and/or solutions to assumptions related to urban design
- Evaluate or assist in the evaluation of re-zonings, ordinance amendments, site plans, special use permits, variances and other proposals
- Act as a liaison between community groups, government agencies, developers and elected officials in developing neighborhood plans and development proposals
- Provide subject matter expertise in urban design to teams within the planning department and cross-agency teams across city government
- Articulate and elevate a vision for Detroit neighborhoods that embodies high-quality design, ecological performance and social equity for all Detroiters

Resumes and cover letters should be sent to the attention of:

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