

**ARTICLE I.**  
**AMENDMENTS**

**Sec. 8-3181. Initiation of Amendments**

This chapter, including the zoning map, may be amended by the Mayor and Aldermen on their own motion, on petition, or on recommendation of the Planning Commission (MPC). Proposed amendments shall follow the review procedures as prescribed in this chapter

The Planning Commission shall submit a report within 30 days after receiving an amendment proposal from the Mayor and Aldermen for review or within such lesser time as the Mayor and Aldermen shall request. This report shall present an analysis of the amendment proposal and contain a recommendation. The Mayor and Aldermen may use the report or recommendation of the MPC in any manner they deem appropriate and are not in any way bound by its recommendations or contents.

Before enacting an amendment to this chapter, the governing authority shall give public notice and hold a public hearing thereon as set forth in this article, but no amendment to this chapter shall be deemed invalid for a failure to follow the procedures set forth herein if the procedure actually followed satisfies the minimum requirements of State Law.