



**CITY OF JERSEY CITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**Job Opening  
Principal Planner**

**Department:** Housing, Economic Development, & Commerce (HEDC)

**Division:** City Planning

**Exempt/Non-Exempt:** Exempt

**Union/Management:** Management

**Full-Time/Part-Time/Seasonal:** Full Time

**Workweek:** Management- M-F, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

**Salary:** \$75,000-80,000. Based on qualifications and experience. Competitive Jersey City retirement and health benefits package available, including pension, dental, medical, prescription, FSA (flexible spending account), life insurance, and more.

The City of Jersey City, Division of City Planning, is seeking a Planner to join a team of technical planning, design, and GIS professionals responsible for comprehensively planning the rational development of a rapidly growing, highly urbanized environment. The ideal candidate will focus on application and development review and must demonstrate knowledge and skill in comprehensive land use planning, resource protection, and redevelopment. The ideal applicant would be an innovative team player, possess strong graphic, writing, and communication skills, and be comfortable working with community groups.

**Job Duties:**

- Review land redevelopment proposals and determine compliance with state, county, and/or municipal regulations.
- Prepare application review reports to the Planning and Zoning Board.
- Attend Planning and Zoning Board meetings regularly as the board planner and provide guidance on land development regulations to commissioners.
- Prepare various reports, including graphic, statistical, and written representations.
- Conduct meetings to discuss new and existing development applications with developers and applicants.
- Provide information and explanation to residents regarding land use regulations and development applications.
- Coordinate and review redevelopment activities with other City departments, outside agencies, and developers.
- Perform other duties as assigned.



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*\*Please note that this job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties, or responsibilities that are required of the employee for this job. Duties, responsibilities, and activities may change at any time, with or without notice.*

**Required Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning or a related field. A Master's Degree is highly preferred. Possession of a current and valid credential as a Certified Planner issued by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) may be substituted for the Master's Degree educational requirement.

**Required License:** A New Jersey Professional Planner License issued by the NJ Board of Professional Planners.

**Required Experience:** 3 years of experience in municipal, county, regional, or state planning, including experience working with community engagement, master planning, and site plan review. Possession of a Master's Degree in Planning from an accredited college or university may be substituted for one (1) year of indicated experience.

**Essential Skills:**

- Relevant Federal, State, and local laws, regulations, and procedures concerning community redevelopment, economic development, and housing rehabilitation programs.
- Ability to work closely in a team environment.
- Thorough knowledge of redevelopment planning and the New Jersey Redevelopment Law.
- Ability to analyze and systematically compile technical and statistical information and prepare technical reports.
- Ability to present, discuss, and execute innovative ideas.
- Ability to communicate effectively in oral and written forms, interpret planning, zoning, and local ordinances to officials and the general public, and make public presentations.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office – PowerPoint, Word, and Excel
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other City of Jersey City employees, public officials, and the public.

**This is a Civil Service Job, and you must eventually pass and qualify for the applicable Civil Service title.**

**To apply for this job with the City of Jersey City, please fill out our [Employment Application](#).**

**Please note that this role is subject to the residency requirements set forth by NJ First Act.**