

Maine Land Use Planning Commission  
**Rules, Policies, and Official Guidance Documents**  
[As of January 12, 2026]

**Statute**

Statute Administered by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission<sup>1</sup> ([September 24, 2025](#))

**Rules<sup>2</sup>**

*(effective date is indicated in parenthesis)*

- Chapter 1 Fee Schedule ([November 1, 2021](#))
- Chapter 2 Definitions<sup>3</sup> ([January 12, 2026](#))
- Chapter 4 Rules of Practice ([August 11, 2023](#))
- Chapter 5 Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings ([November 1, 2021](#))
- Chapter 10 Land Use Districts and Standards ([January 12, 2026](#))  
*\* \* this rule is revised often, check for most current version date \* \**
- Chapter 11 Administrative Regulation for Hydropower Projects ([November 2, 2017](#))
- Chapter 12 Land Use District Requirements for Metallic Mineral Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration ([May 27, 2013](#))
- Chapter 13 Metallic Mineral Exploration and Mining Certifications ([September 20, 2018](#))
- Chapter 14 *[Reserved]*
- Chapter 16 Rules Relating to Large Lot Divisions ([November 1, 2021](#))
- Chapter 17 Reestablishment of Commission Jurisdiction ([September 2, 2025](#))

**Comprehensive Land Use Plan**

2010 [CLUP](#) (*see related guidance document*)

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<sup>1</sup> This document is comprised of the sections of Title 12, Chapter 206-A which regard the Commission. Title 12 is the primary statute regarding the Commission and its authority; however, the Commission is assigned other responsibilities by numerous other statutes, some of which are not cross referenced in Title 12 (*e.g.*, 28-B M.R.S. § 101 *et seq.* (adult use cannabis); 30-A M.R.S. § 3753 (Junkyards), § 7059 (deorganizations); 35-A M.R.S. §§ 3451 *et seq.* (expedited permitting area for wind energy development); 22 M.R.S. §§ 2421 *et seq.* (medical cannabis); 38 M.R.S. § 480 (NRPA), § 481 (Site Location of Development), § 490-LL (metallic mineral mining), § 630 (hydropower), § 1310-N *et seq.* (solid waste facilities).

<sup>2</sup> Chapters 6 through 9 were repealed (*October 17, 2000*); Chapter 3 was repealed and incorporated into Chapter 4 (*November 1, 2021*); Chapter 15 was repealed (*August 18, 2025*).

<sup>3</sup> Chapter 2: 1972 through 1979 known as *Interim Land Use Districts and Standards*; 2021 forward known as *Definitions*.

## **Policies and Official Guidance Documents**

*(date adopted/effective indicated in parenthesis)*

The documents listed below serve to guide the public as well as the Commission's staff in interpreting some of the Commission's rules and regulations. These documents may not be relied upon to create rights, substantive or procedural. The Commission reserves the right to act in a manner that may vary from these documents, consistent with its statute and regulations. Nothing in these documents shall be construed to supersede or replace the statute, rules, and Comprehensive Land Use Plan administered by the Commission.

Affordable Housing Policy Statement ([April 19, 2007](#))

Commission Policy on Receiving Public Comment ([May 8, 2024](#))

Compliance and Enforcement Response Policy ([May 8, 2024](#))

Concept Planning Overview and Guidance ([May 14, 2014](#))

Guidelines for Selection of Conservation Easement Holders ([March 12, 2025](#))

Interpreting the 2010 Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) ([October 5, 2012](#))

Remote Participation Policy Statement ([January 12, 2022](#))

Site Law Certification, Land Use Standards ([December 9, 2021](#))

Wind Power Expedited Area Expansion Guidance Document ([April 12, 2011](#))