

## **BARRY COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR**

Barry County, MI (pop. (63,554). Barry County is searching for a Planning & Zoning Director following the retirement of its long serving Director. The new Director will have the opportunity to implement the goals from its award winning 2023 Master Plan and finalize zoning ordinance updates, including solar and gravel mining ordinances.

Barry County is a growing county in a thriving rural area located at a strategic crossroads for West Michigan. Barry County is becoming a popular bedroom community location, where rural character and natural beauty blend with convenient access to major job centers. Barry County is fifteen miles from Grand Rapids, twenty-five miles from Lansing, and ten miles from Kalamazoo and Battle Creek which have a total combined population of 1.3 million.

Barry County Planning & Zoning provides planning and zoning services to eleven (11) Townships and two (2) Villages. The Planning & Zoning Office consists of the Director, GIS Analyst, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Administrative Assistant.

The Director's primary duties are: conducts studies and prepares and updates long range development plans, manages the zoning enforcement program, serves as the staff to the County Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, manages and develops the department budget, Administers the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control program, administration of Land Division Act and issues land Division permits, manages the County Addressing process, and represents the county on various boards and commissions.

### **CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS**

- Bachelor's degree in planning or closely related field.
- Five to seven years of progressive planning and zoning leadership experience with substantial experience in land use planning, site plan reviews, regional planning, and zoning enforcement.
- AICP Certification
- Excellent written and verbal communication

### **IDEAL CANDIDATE**

- A communicative, team-oriented, and approachable management
- Maintain the confidentiality of information and professional boundaries
- Extensive knowledge of Planning and Zoning practices
- Extensive knowledge of State laws
- Experience with ESRI GIS software
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and projects

## **COMPENSATION & BENEFITS**

Salary Range \$81,813-98,171 (\$84,261-\$101,121 in 2025). Barry County offers a comprehensive benefit package, including a MERS Hybrid Pension Plan, multiple medical plans, vacation/sick/personal leave, dental/optical reimbursement, and optional 457 plan.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Interested candidates should submit their resume, cover letter, example of a recent staff report, and contact information for five work-related references to:

Planning & Zoning Director Search  
Barry County Administrator  
220 West State Street  
Hastings, MI 49058  
[ezuzga@barrycounty.com](mailto:ezuzga@barrycounty.com).

## **DEADLINE**

The first review of applications will start on Thursday, October 3, 2024. The posting will remain open until filled.

Barry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.