

American Planning Association Library Classification Scheme (APALCS)

The classification scheme is described, in Lois Mai Chan's *Cataloging and Classification: An Introduction*, as serving, "a dual function: 1) as a shelving device, which is considered to be the primary purpose of classification ... and 2) as a means of organizing bibliographic entries in printed catalogs, bibliographies, and indexes in a systematic order."

The Library of the American Planning Association (APA) developed the American Planning Association Library Classification Scheme. It was created to meet the needs of APA's researchers and members; the scheme focuses specifically on planning and provides a level of practical detail not found in other published systems.

In the APA Library, the scheme is used in conjunction with the Library of Congress Classification Scheme. A planning agency or library may choose to use the scheme independently or in conjunction with more broadly based schemes such as Library of Congress or Dewey Decimal. In the APA Library, books are shelved by class number while vertical file materials (plans, documents) are filed by subject heading.

If another classification scheme is used in the library (i.e. Library of Congress or Dewey Decimal) you may wish to precede the numbers with the letters APA.

A few general notes about the scheme:

- Legislation and Law refers to both case law and general information on the impact of specific legislation.
- Most sections have a sub-section entitled General this is where policy and research information is found.
- Since the classification scheme serves to group like information together in a broad manner not all topics are named. An example is APA46.8 (Zoning ordinances). Under the broad section Planning Law and Legislation is found Municipal Law; under Municipal Law is found Zoning ordinances. This arrangement allows the grouping of local zoning materials together; these materials might include planned unit development ordinances, information on performance zoning, or documents on land acquisition. To locate an individual item, the library user would search the card catalog by subject heading or title. To locate all items on local zoning, the library user can browse the shelves that hold APA46.8 labeled items.

INFORMATION RESOURCES

- 1 General
- 3 Classification schedules. Subject headings
- 5 Manuals
- 7 On-line resources
- 10 Research Services
- 15 Bibliographies

20 ENCYCLOPEDIAS. DICTIONARIES. GLOSSARIES. DIRECTORIES

30 ORGANIZATIONS

GENERAL WORKS

- 40 Comprehensive treatises
- 42 Outlines. Syllabi. Charts
- 44 Partial works, treating two or more subdivisions of the general subject
- 46 Essays. Addresses. Lectures. Conference proceedings
- 48 General collections of material in special forms
- 50 General collections of books and pamphlets (unique collections)
- 52 Terms and phrases. Quotations
- 54 Competitions
- 60 Biographies
- 70 Humor
- 75 Planning in literature

100 THEORY

HISTORY

- 200 Comprehensive. General
- 205 Preclassic
- 207 Medieval and Renaissance
- 209 Baroque

HISTORY (cont.)

- 211 Modern
 - .1 18th century
 - .2 19th century
 - .3 20th century
 - .4 21st century

- 213 Movements
 - .1 Garden City
 - .2 City Beautiful
 - .3 Neo-traditional planning

PLANNING LAW

- 300 General
- 301 Federal
 - .1 General
 - .2 Constitutional law (*takings issue, property rights...*)
 - .3 Statutes
- 305 State
 - .1 General
 - .2 Enabling legislation
 - .3 Statutes
- 310 Model laws
- 315 Municipal
 - .1 General
 - .2 Building codes
 - .3 Land acquisition
 - .4 Nuisance control
 - .5 Sign ordinances
 - .6 Subdivision ordinances
 - .7 Unified development ordinances
 - .8 Zoning ordinances
 - .9 Property maintenance codes

PLANNING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

- 400 General

FEDERAL PLANNING

- 420 General

STATE PLANNING (*cutter by state, then author*)

- 440 General

REGIONAL PLANNING (*cutter by region, then author*)

- 460 General
- 465 Metropolitan
- 467 Substate districting
- 469 Interstate
- 475 Intergovernmental relations
- 476 U.S. – Mexico border
- 477 U.S. – Canada border

RURAL PLANNING

- 478 General (*small towns, etc.*)

MUNICIPAL PLANNING (*cutter by city, then author*)

- 480 General
- 485 Area
 - .1 Neighborhood
- 487 Comprehensive
- 489 Strategic

PLANNING EDUCATION

- 600 General
- 610 Methods
- 611 Schools
 - .1 Graduate
 - .2 Undergraduate
- 612 Subject Matter
 - .1 Theory
 - .2 Practice
- 613 Continuing education
- 614 Planning and children

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

- 700 General
- 705 Advocacy planning
- 706 Public sector planning
- 707 Private sector planning
- 710 Ethics
 - .1 Codes

- 711 Professional examinations and registration
- 712 Conflict resolution
- 715 Expert testimony

PLANNING AGENCY AND FIRM MANAGEMENT

- 800 Public
- 805 Private
- 810 General

PLANNING ADMINISTRATION

- 900 General
- 905 Development review
 - .1 Design review
- 910 Permitting
- 912 Planning commissions
- 915 Public hearings
- 920 Zoning administration and enforcement

PLANNING METHODOLOGY

- 1000 General
- 1005 Base studies
- 1007 Charrettes
- 1009 Data analysis
- 1011 Decision making
- 1013 Impact assessments
- 1015 Land cover classification
- 1017 Projections and forecasts
- 1018 Statistical methods
- 1019 Strategic planning
- 1025 Surveys of conditions
- 1026 Models and modeling

URBAN SOCIOLOGY

- 1100 General
 - .1 Rural sociology
- 1105 Quality of life (*amenities, art in public places, livable cities, indicators...*)
- 1110 Community development

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- 1200 General (*software...*)
- 1205 Geographic information systems (GIS)
- 1210 Maps and mapping
- 1215 Impact on Communities

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT

- 1300 General
- 1305 Citizens' committees
- 1307 Electronic access
- 1309 Lobbying
- 1315 Planning outreach
- 1317 Promotional material and events
- 1319 Visioning

CONTROVERSIAL LAND USES (LULUs & NIMBYs)

- 1400 General

POPULATION

- 1500 General
- 1505 Demography
- 1507 Distribution and density
 - .1 Congestion
 - .2 Daytime population
- 1509 Growth and changes
- 1512 Mobility
- 1514 Migration
- 1516 Projections and forecasts

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

- 1600 General
- 1605 Assessment and valuation
- 1607 Bond issues
- 1609 Capital improvement programming
- 1615 Development exactions and impact fees
- 1616 Property condemnation and resale
- 1618 Gifts and bequests
- 1620 Grants

- .1 CDBG/Community Development Block Grants
- .2 UDAG/Urban Development Action Grants
- .3 Private
- .4 State grants
- .5 Federal grants
- 1625 Loans
- 1627 Municipally owned property
- 1628 Non-taxing authorities
- 1630 Public utilities (income)
- 1635 Special assessment districts
- 1637 Tax base sharing
- 1639 Taxation
- 1640 Taxing authorities
- 1642 User fees

ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC POLICY

- 1700 General
- 1705 Urban policy
- 1707 Employment
 - .1 Forecasting
 - .2 Restructuring
- 1710 Privatization

REDEVELOPMENT

- 1740 General
- 1745 Commercial
- 1747 Gentrification
- 1749 Industrial
 - .1 Brownfields
- 1755 Residential

REDEVELOPMENT (cont.)

- 1756 Special districts
 - .1 Central business districts
 - .2 Military installations
 - .3 Main Street
 - .4 Neighborhoods
 - .5 Waterfronts
 - .6 Shopping Centers
- 1757 Suburbs
- 1758 Vacant land

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 1775 General
- 1780 Community Development Corporations
- 1782 Enterprise and empowerment zones
- 1784 Plans
- 1786 Trends in economic development (*gambling, prisons, landfills, business incubators*)
- 1788 Techniques
 - .1 Public/private partnerships
 - .2 Tax incentives
- 1790 Rural
- 1795 Tourism planning

GROWTH MANAGEMENT

(Under this subject are found monographs and articles on the concept of growth management and on planning techniques used only in growth management.)

- 1800 General
- 1805 Adequate public facilities
- 1807 Urban growth boundaries
- 1809 Urban services districts
- 1810 Transfer of development rights

INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICTS

- 1900 Cultural
- 1902 Educational
- 1904 Medical
- 1910 Non-locally controlled land
- 1912 Municipal
- 1914 Special government functions

INSTITUTIONAL USES

(The following are examples of uses or divisions that may be found in this category; in the APA Library they are subject headings used for Vertical File material)

- 1950 Colleges and universities
- 1952 Community centers
- 1954 Convention centers
- 1956 Correctional facilities
- 1958 Fire stations
- 1960 Hospitals and clinics
- 1962 Military installations
- 1964 Government buildings

- 1966 Museums
- 1968 Police stations
- 1970 Religious
- 1972 Schools

COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

- 2000 Central business districts
- 2002 Commercial strip development
- 2004 Entertainment districts
- 2006 Financial districts
- 2008 Neighborhood commercial districts
- 2010 Office districts
- 2012 Office parks
- 2014 Retail districts
- 2016 Tourist districts
- 2018 Wholesale districts

COMMERCIAL USES

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- 2130 General
- 2132 Adult entertainment
- 2134 ATM machines
- 2136 Auditoria and stadia
- 2138 Auto-related businesses
- 2140 Bed and breakfast inns
- 2142 Convenience stores
- 2144 Day care
- 2146 Diaper services
- 2148 Dry cleaning businesses
- 2150 Fortune tellers

COMMERCIAL USES (cont.)

- 2152 Gun shops
- 2154 Hotels and motels
- 2156 Indoor amusements
- 2158 Storage yards
- 2160 Liquor outlets
- 2162 Micro-breweries
- 2164 Mini-warehouses
- 2166 Newspaper vending machines
- 2168 Outdoor amusements
- 2170 Pawn shops
- 2172 Private clubs

- 2174 Restaurants
- 2176 Service stations
- 2178 Shopping centers
- 2180 Supermarkets
- 2182 Tattoo parlors
- 2184 Temporary sales

INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

- 2300 General
- 2304 Heavy industry
- 2305 Light industry
- 2310 Performance standards

INDUSTRIAL USES

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- 2330 Extractive industry
- 2332 Hazardous materials
- 2334 High tech
- 2336 Junk yards
- 2338 Manufacturing
- 2340 Research parks
- 2342 Slaughterhouses. Other noxious uses
- 2344 Warehouses

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

- 2400 General
- 2405 Gated communities
- 2407 Community associations
- 2409 Multi-family
- 2411 Single-family
- 2413 Mobile home parks
- 2415 Retirement communities

RESIDENTIAL USES

(The following are types of uses or divisions that may be used in this category)

- 2440 Alternative housing
- 2442 Group homes
- 2444 Home occupations (*telecommuting...*)
- 2446 Accessory housing
- 2448 Housing for the elderly and handicapped
- 2450 Manufactured housing
- 2452 Public housing
- 2454 SROs
- 2456 Temporary housing
- 2460 Vacation housing

HOUSING

(This subject focuses on policy and research issues; design and structural issues are covered in Library of Congress NA7000)

- 2500 General
- 2505 Societies. Exhibitions. Congresses
- 2510 Affordability
 - .1 Employee housing
 - .2 Private initiatives
 - .3 Land acquisition
 - .4 Low-income housing
 - .5 Middle-income housing
 - .6 Mortgages
 - .7 Programs
 - .8 Self-help
 - .9 Subsidies
 - .10 Taxation. Tax exemption
- 2520 History
- 2522 Housing supply

HOUSING (cont.)

- 2526 Legislation
 - .1 Federal
 - .2 State
 - .3 Municipal
 - .4 Court decisions
- 2530 Administration (*housing authorities*)
 - .1 Federal
 - .2 State
 - .3 Regional
 - .4 Municipal
 - .5 Rural

- .6 Management of individual projects
- 2535 Plans
 - .1 Comprehensive
 - .2 Strategic
 - .3 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy/CHAS
 - .4 Consolidated plans
- 2540 Research

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS

- 2600 General
- 2610 Preservation

AGRICULTURAL USES

(The following are examples of uses or divisions that may be used in this category; in the APA Library they are subject headings used for Vertical File material)

- 2650 Crop
- 2652 Dairy
- 2654 Feedlots
- 2656 Livestock
- 2660 Nurseries
- 2662 Orchards and vineyards
- 2664 Produce
- 2666 Roadside stands
- 2668 Wineries
- 2675 Tree farms

OPEN SPACE

- 3000 General
- 3001 Cemeteries
- 3002 Historical open space
- 3004 Land trusts
- 3006 Preservation
- 3008 Regional open space systems
- 3010 Urban (*public spaces...*)

OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS

- 3100 General
- 3110 Preserves

PARKS AND RECREATION

- 3200 General
- 3203 Planning
- 3205 Management
- 3210 Memorial

PARK AND RECREATIONAL USES

(The following are types of uses or divisions that may be used in this category)

- 3300 Campgrounds
- 3302 Facilities
- 3304 Golf courses
- 3306 Gardens
- 3308 Playgrounds
- 3310 RV parks
- 3312 Trails (*greenways...*)

MIXED USE

- 3500 General
- 3505 Districts
- 3510 Transit-oriented development

TRANSPORTATION

- 4000 General
- 4003 Access management
- 4005 Capacity expansion
- 4007 Demand management
- 4008 Environmental aspects
- 4010 Historic
- 4012 Legislation
- 4014 Commuting
- 4020 Multi-modal issues (*ISTEA...*)
- 4022 Traffic impact analysis
- 4026 Trip generation
- 4028 Corridors

STREETS

- 4100 General
- 4105 Bridges and tunnels
- 4106 Finance
- 4107 Special streets and uses
- 4109 Street naming and numbering
- 4115 Street design
 - .1 Standards
 - .2 Hierarchy
 - .3 Traffic calming

HIGHWAYS

- 4200 General
- 4205 Bridges and tunnels
- 4207 Design
- 4210 Finance
- 4212 Freight

NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION

- 4300 Sidewalks and pedestrian systems
- 4305 Bike paths
- 4310 Alternative modes of commuting
- 4315 Finance

TRANSIT

- 4400 General
- 4403 Bus
- 4405 Finance
- 4410 Heavy rail
- 4415 Light rail
- 4420 Other
- 4425 Stations
 - .1 Joint development

RAILROADS

- 4500 General

- 4505 Bridges and tunnels
- 4510 Finance
- 4515 Freight
- 4520 Passenger
- 4525 Rights-of-way
- 4530 Stations

WATERWAYS

- 4600 General
- 4605 Bays. Harbors. Basins
- 4610 Finance
- 4615 Ports
 - .1 Freight
 - .2 Passenger
- 4620 Rivers and canals
- 4625 Lakes and ponds

AIRPORTS

- 4700 General
- 4705 Finance
- 4710 Freight
- 4715 Passenger
- 4720 Heliports
- 4725 Impact analysis
 - .1 Land use compatibility
 - .2 Noise

PARKING

- 4800 General
- 4805 Finance and management
- 4810 Off-street
 - .1 Shared parking
 - .2 Standards
- 4815 On-street

UTILITIES

- 4900 General
- 4905 Finance
- 4910 Energy
 - .1 Electricity

- .2 Natural gas
- .3 Nuclear
- .4 Steam
- .5 Alternative
- 4915 Solid waste management
 - .1 General
 - .2 Hazardous waste disposal
 - .3 Landfills
 - .4 Recycling
- 4920 Waste water management
 - .1 Sewage treatment
 - .2 Stormwater management
- 4925 Water supply and distribution
- 4930 Telecommunications
 - .1 Airwaves
 - .2 Cable
 - .3 Satellite
- 4935 Rights-of-way

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- 5000 General
- 5003 Archaeology
- 5005 Buildings
- 5010 Districts
- 5012 Cultural landscapes (*battlefields...*)
- 5015 Commissions and boards
- 5020 Finance

HISTORIC PRESERVATION (cont.)

- 5030 Law
- 5035 Planning

STRUCTURES

- 5100 Abandoned buildings
- 5110 Adaptive re-use

SITE PLANNING

(The following are types of uses or subdivisions that may be used in this category; in the APA Library they are subject headings in the Vertical File)

- 5200 General
- 5205 Buffering and screening

- 5207 Bulk
- 5209 Circulation
- 5211 Density
- 5215 Drainage
- 5217 Driveways
- 5219 Floor area ratio
- 5221 Impervious surface ratio
- 5223 Light allowances
- 5225 Lighting (exterior)
- 5227 Orientation
- 5229 Setbacks
- 5235 Zero lot line
- 5250 Land development

BUILT ENVIRONMENT/URBAN DESIGN

- 5300 General
- 5305 Urban form
 - .1 Sprawl
- 5307 Climate influenced form
- 5310 Edge cities
- 5312 Megalopolis
- 5313 Utopias
- 5314 Gateways
- 5320 View sheds
- 5330 Crime prevention
- 5335 Suburbs
- 5340 New towns/planned communities

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

- 6000 General (*critical area plans, policy...*)
- 6001 Relation to built environment
 - .1 Scenic resources
- 6004 Environmental impact assessment
 - .1 Indicators
- 6005 Air quality
- 6010 Carrying capacity
- 6015 Floodplains
- 6020 Hazard mitigation
 - .1 Man-made hazards
 - .2 Natural hazards
- 6030 Hillsides
- 6035 Legislation
 - .1 Federal
 - .2 State

- .3 Municipal
- 6040 Shoreland protection
- 6045 Species protection (*biodiversity*)
 - .1 Habitat protection
- 6050 Sustainability
 - .1 Environmental
 - .2 Development/Sustainable communities
- 6052 Environmental ethics (*environmental justice...*)
- 6055 Urban forestry
- 6060 Water Resources
 - .1 Groundwater
 - .2 Surface water
 - .3 Wetlands
- 6065 Watersheds

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PLANNING

- 7000 General
- 7010 Universal design
- 7100 Food systems planning