

## 23.02 PLANNING BOARD

- (A) A Town Planning Board for the town of Faison is hereby created under the authority of G.S. Chapter 160A.
- (B) The Planning Board shall consist of five members who shall be person of recognized experience and qualifications. At the time of their appointment, members shall hold no other official municipal government position except on a zoning board, zoning board of appeals, or housing authority board. (revised 2/3/1993.) The Mayor may appoint two alternate members to the board who shall have the right to vote, in the absence of one of the regular board members. (revised April 2, 2014). The Planning Board shall consist of seven members who shall be person of recognized experience and qualifications. At the time of their appointment, members shall hold no other official municipal government position except on a zoning board, zoning board of appeals, or housing authority board. The Mayor may appoint two ex officio members to the Board who shall have no vote but who shall act as advisors to the Planning Board. (revised 2/3/1993.)
- (C) The citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners upon creation of the Planning Board to hold office as follows: two members for one year, two members for two years, and one member for three years. All members of the Planning Board shall serve as such without compensation. Members may, after a public hearing, be removed by the Mayor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The Mayor shall file a written statement of reasons for such removal. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Board of Commissioners.
- (C1) In addition to the citizen members of the Planning Board, two members shall be appointed from the extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction of the Town of Faison, one from Duplin County and one from Sampson County. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-362, the member of the Planning Board from Duplin County shall be appointed by the Duplin County Board of Commissioners and the member from Sampson County shall be appointed by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners. Each of the members of the Planning Board appointed from these respective counties shall reside in the extra-territorial zoning jurisdiction of the Town of Faison and shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. (revised 2/3/1993).
- (D) Organization and rules. Within 30 days after appointment, the Planning Board shall elect its Chairperson from amongst the appointed citizen members and create and fill such other of its offices as it may determine. The term of office for the office for the Chairperson shall be in each month which shall be open to the public. It shall adopt rules for transaction of business and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations, which record shall be a public record.

- (E) Staff and finances. The Planning Board may contract with city planners, engineers, architects, and other consultants for such services as it may require. The expenditures of the Planning Board, exclusive of gifts, shall be within the amounts appropriated for the purpose by the Board of Commissioners and not indebtedness for which the purpose by the Board of Commissioners and no indebtedness for which the town shall be liable shall be contracted by the Planning Board unless an appropriation is made by the Board of Commissioners for such extent of the appropriation. The Planning Board shall have the right to accept gifts and donations for the exercise of its functions and for giving publicity to its work and may expend the money received from such donations and gifts as in its judgment may appear best.
- (F) General powers and duties. It shall be the function and duty of the Planning Board to make and adopt a suggested master plan for the physical development of the municipality or modified parts of such plan as the Planning Board and governing body may deem best. Such plan, with the accompanying maps, plats, charts, and descriptive matter may show the Planning Board's recommendations for the development of said territory, including among other things, the general location, character, and extent of streets, viaducts, bridges, waterways, waterfronts, boulevards, parkways, playgrounds, squares, parks, aviation fields, and other public ways, grounds and open spaces, the general location of public buildings and other public property, and the general location and extent of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned or operated, for water, light, sanitation, removal, relocation, widening, narrowing, vacating, abandonment, change of use, or extension of any of the foregoing ways, grounds, open spaces, buildings, property, utilities, or terminals, as well as a zoning plan for the control of the height, area, bulk, location, and use of buildings and premises. The Planning Board may from time to time recommend amendments, extensions, or additions to the plan.
- (G) Purposes in view. In the preparation of such plan or modified plan or parts thereof, the Planning Board shall make careful and comprehensive surveys and studies of present conditions and future growth of the municipality and with due regard to its relation to neighboring territory. The plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the municipality and its environs which will, in accordance with present and future needs, best promote health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as other things, adequate provisions for traffic, the promotion of safety from fire and other dangers, adequate provision for light and air, the promotion of the healthful and convenient distribution of population, the promotion of good civic design and arrangement, wise and efficient expenditure of public funds, and the adequate provision of public utilities and other public requirements.

- (H) Miscellaneous powers and duties. Before the adoption by the Planning Board of the plan or any part, amendment, extension, or addition, the Planning Board shall hold at least one public hearing thereon. The Planning Board shall have power to promote public interest in and understanding of the plan and to that end may hold public hearings, publish and distribute copies of the plan or of any report, and may employ such other means of publicity and education as it may determine. Members of the Planning Board, when duly authorized by the Planning Board, may attend city planning conferences or meetings of city planning institutes or hearings upon pending city planning legislation, and the Planning Board may, by resolution spread upon its minutes, pay the reasonable traveling expenses incident to such attendance. All officers and employees of the town shall render such reasonable assistance and any such information to the Planning Board as may be requested by the Planning Board as may be requested by the Planning Board for its work.
- (I) The Planning Board shall from time to time, and at least annually, submit reports in writing to the Board of Commissioners giving information regarding the condition of the town and any plans or proposals for the development of the town and estimates of the cost the Planning Board feels should have immediate attention. (Ord., passed 3-3-75)