

BOARD AND COMMISSION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF GREENVILLE

Having citizens to serve on boards and commissions gives them an opportunity to participate in local government. In order to maintain some consistency, a policy has been adopted to aid in the appointment process and in other areas dealing with the boards and commissions. In order to provide all citizens of Greenville with an opportunity to serve on City boards and commissions, this board and commission policy is being established.

Talent Bank

A pool of applicants for the various boards and commissions, called the talent bank, shall be maintained by the City Clerk's Office. This talent bank shall be updated on a biennial basis. Solicitation of applications for this pool of applicants shall be done through such methods as advertising in local newspapers, the City website and the government access channel.

Appointments

City Council Members shall be notified of upcoming appointments to City boards and commissions by the first day of the month preceding the month in which the appointment is to be made. A list of persons who have indicated an interest in serving on the board or commission through the talent bank shall also be provided to the City Council.

The list of upcoming appointments shall be advertised in the local newspaper, on the government access channel, and on the City's website at least four weeks prior to the meeting at which the appointment is to be made in order to provide citizens with an opportunity to indicate their interest in serving.

Prior to the 15th day of the month preceding the month in which the appointment is to be made, City Council Members shall submit any nominations for upcoming vacancies to the City Council liaison to the board or commission. City Council liaisons shall be provided a copy of resumes from citizens for upcoming appointments as they are received by the City Clerk's Office.

During review of nominations for upcoming appointments, City Council liaisons may request the City Clerk's assistance in obtaining the nominees' addresses and any pertinent background information. The City Council liaison shall contact the individual to discuss the applicant's interest in the board and his/her ability to attend the meetings in accordance with this policy.

Several of the boards and commissions have representation from other entities. Also, criteria for the membership is noted in the by-laws or ordinance creating many of the boards and commissions. The criteria and/or appointment process are detailed below.

Affordable Housing Loan Committee. The committee shall have seven regular members and one alternate member. It shall be racially diverse and composed of persons with experience and an interest in housing. The members may be of the following professions: banker, lawyer, realtor, member of the building profession or developer, member of a social service organization, and a member of a local housing group. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

Board of Adjustment. The board shall consist of seven regular members and four alternate members. Five of the regular members and three alternate members shall reside within the corporate limits of the City of Greenville at the time of their appointment and shall be appointed by the City Council. Two of the regular members and one alternate member shall reside outside of the corporate limits of the city but within the extraterritorial jurisdiction at the time of their appointment and shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners. City members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members. The County Commissioners shall appoint county candidates and the appointment letter shall be sent from the County Clerk's Office for those appointments. A copy of the appointment letter shall be sent to the City Clerk's Office, at which time the City records shall be updated.

Community Appearance Commission. The commission shall consist of 11 members, all of whom shall be citizens and residents of the city. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

Environmental Advisory Commission. The commission shall have seven members that are designated as follows: (A) a lawyer or other person with knowledge of environmental regulations and environmental safety practices; (B) a building contractor, land developer or someone familiar with construction techniques; (C) a member of a local environmental group; (D) an educator of the natural or physical sciences or physician; (E) a professional engineer; (F) an at-large member from the Greenville community; and (G) an at-large member with skills and interest in environmental public health, safety and/or medicine. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members. The mayor or a member of city council shall be designated as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the commission

Firefighter's Relief Fund Committee. The committee shall consist of five trustees. The firefighters shall elect two members, the City Council shall elect two members, and the Commissioner of Insurance shall appoint one representative to serve as trustee and he shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner.

Greenville Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission. The Commission shall consist of 12 members, all of whom shall be citizens and residents of the city. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members. The Director of the Recreation and Parks Department and the Director of the Public Works Department shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting advisors

to the Commission. East Carolina University, the Pitt County Planning Department, and the Eastern Carolina Injury Prevention Program shall each designate a representative to serve as a non-voting advisor to the Commission.

Greenville Utilities Commission. The commission shall consist of eight members, one of whom is the City Manager. The charter specifies that the members shall have utilities expertise. Representation should include some members with financial, engineering, environmental, technical, or development backgrounds. Five City members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy, and appointment letters for the City members sent by the City Clerk's Office. Two County candidates shall be nominated by the County Commissioners, at which time the County Clerk shall submit to the City Clerk a letter of recommendation. (The two candidates shall be bonafide residents of Pitt County but residing outside the city limits, who shall be customers of Greenville Utilities.) The City Clerk's Office shall then obtain background information on the nominee and provide it along with the letter to the City Council liaison. The information shall be provided to City Council for consideration at a regular City Council meeting. The City Council shall have the right to reject any nominee from the Board of Commissioners and to request additional nominees. If the Pitt County Board of Commissioners fails to recommend a nominee to the City Council within 60 days of the original date requested by the City Council, then the City Council may appoint any individual that meets the residency requirement. The City Clerk's Office shall send a letter of appointment to the new members informing them of the appointment. A copy of the letter for County appointments shall be sent to the County Clerk. Greenville Utilities Commissioners filling the first three-year term shall automatically fill a second three-year term unless the City Council initiates the replacement process.

Historic Preservation Commission. The commission shall consist of ten members, the majority of whom shall have demonstrated special interest, experience, or education in history, architecture, and/or archaeology. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

Housing Authority. The authority shall consist of seven commissioners. One commissioner shall be appointed by the Mayor and all other commissioners shall be appointed by City Council. No commissioner may be a city official. At least one of the commissioners shall be a person who is directly assisted by the public housing authority. The City Council shall appoint the person directly assisted by the authority unless the authority's rules require that the person be elected by other persons who are directly assisted by the authority. If the commissioner directly assisted by the public housing authority ceases to receive such assistance, the commissioner's office shall be abolished and another person who is directly assisted by the public housing authority shall be appointed by the City Council.

The procedure hereinafter set forth for the nomination and appointment of commissioners applies to commissioners appointed on or after June 30, 2009, (the effective date of Session Law 2009-211). Appointments will be made by City Council unless the appointment is required to be made by the Mayor to ensure that the authority has a commissioner appointed by the Mayor or unless the appointment to be made is the commissioner on the authority appointed as the commissioner

who is directly assisted by the authority and the authority's rules require that the person appointed is elected by other persons directly assisted by the authority.

When the appointment is made by City Council, nominations to the City Council will be made by City Council Members on a rotating basis in the following order: Council Member, at-large for the first appointment, Council Member, District One for the second appointment, Council Member, District Two for the third appointment, Council Member, District Three for the fourth appointment, Council Member, District Four for the fifth appointment, Council Member, District Five for the sixth appointment, and, thereafter, the rotation shall be repeated. City Council is not required to appoint the person nominated by a Council Member and may, but is not required to, request another nomination from the Council Member making the nomination in the event the initial nominee is not appointed. In the event the person nominated by a Council Member is not appointed and another nomination from the Council Member making the nomination is not requested, any City Council Member may make a nomination. City Council shall make the appointment by a motion of appointment.

At all times, at least one (1) of the commissioners shall have been appointed by the Mayor. Therefore, the appointment by City Council will not occur until the next appointment whenever the appointment to be made is the only commissioner position on the authority who has been appointed by the Mayor. The Mayor shall make the appointment or reappointment in this event by filing with the City Clerk a certificate of appointment or reappointment.

At all times, at least one (1) of the commissioners shall be a person directly assisted by the authority. Therefore, the nomination by a Council Member and the appointment by City Council will not occur until the next appointment whenever the appointment to be made is the commissioner on the authority appointed as the commissioner who is directly assisted by the authority and the authority's rules require that the person appointed is elected by other persons directly assisted by the authority. City Council shall confirm the appointment of the person who is elected by other persons directly assisted by the authority after receipt of written notice of the election of this person from the authority whenever the authority's rules require that the person appointed as the person directly assisted by the authority is elected by other persons directly assisted by the authority. City Council shall make the confirmation of the appointment by a motion of appointment. In the event the authority's rules do not require that the person appointed as the commissioner directly assisted by the authority is elected by other persons who are directly assisted by the authority and the appointment to be made is the commissioner on the authority who is appointed as the commissioner directly assisted by the authority, the nomination by a Council Member on the rotating basis will not occur until the next appointment and, instead of a nomination, a recommendation from the authority will be sought. City Council is not required to appoint the person recommended by the authority and may, but is not required to, request another recommendation from the authority in the event the initial recommended person is not appointed. In the event the person recommended by the authority is not appointed and another recommendation from the authority is not requested, any Council Member may make a nomination. City Council shall make the appointment by a motion of appointment.

In the event there is a vacancy prior to the completion of the term of office in a commissioner position which has been appointed by City Council, the nomination of a person to fill the

unexpired term will be made by the Council Member who made the initial nomination to City Council to appoint the commissioner. In the event there is a vacancy in a commissioner position which was not appointed by City Council and which is not either the required Mayor appointment or person directly assisted by the authority appointment, the nomination will be made in accordance with the reverse order of the rotating basis set forth above and such nomination will complete the Council Member's turn in the rotation for filling unexpired terms not previously appointed by City Council only. City Council is not required to appoint the person nominated by a Council Member and may, but is not required to, request another nomination from the Council Member making the nomination in the event the initial nominee is not appointed. In the event the person nominated by a Council Member is not appointed and another nomination from the Council Member making the nomination is not requested, any City Council Member may make a nomination. City Council shall make the appointment by a motion of appointment.

In the event there is a vacancy prior to the completion of the term of office in a commissioner position which is either the required Mayor appointment or the person directly assisted by the authority appointment, the procedure to appoint and recommend or elect shall be the same as the procedure to appoint and recommend or elect a person for a full term.

Human Relations Council. The 18-member council shall consist of fifteen citizens, one East Carolina University student, one Shaw University student, and one Pitt Community College student. The fifteen citizens shall reside within the corporate limits of the city. The three students shall reside within the corporate limits of the city during the school year. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

Investment Advisory Committee. The three-member committee shall be composed of three members that have a background in investing and money management (i.e., bankers, stock brokers, accountants, economists, etc.). All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters to the members.

Neighborhood Advisory Board. The Neighborhood Advisory Board shall consist of ten board members with two board members being elected from each of the five districts from which Council Members are elected. Each neighborhood association shall appoint a liaison member to the Neighborhood Advisory Board and an alternate liaison member shall serve at the pleasure of the neighborhood association. The alternate liaison member, while attending a meeting of the liaison members or of the Neighborhood Advisory Board in the absence of the liaison member from the same neighborhood association, may serve as the liaison member and shall have and may exercise the powers of the liaison member.

The liaison members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board shall elect, at the initial meeting of the liaison members and annually thereafter, at a meeting of the liaison members established by the Neighborhood Advisory Board for that purpose, ten board members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board with two board members being elected from each of the five districts from which Council Members are elected. The liaison members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board

who represent neighborhood associations of neighborhoods located primarily within a district from which a Council Member is elected shall only be eligible to vote for board members for said district. The board members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board elected from a district from which a Council Member is elected must be a liaison member for a neighborhood association of a neighborhood located primarily within said district. For the purpose of determining eligibility to vote and to serve as a board member, a neighborhood is located primarily within the district if the majority of the residences in the neighborhood served by the neighborhood association are located within said district.

The Neighborhood Liaison/Ombudsman shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Neighborhood Advisory Board. The Liaison Members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board shall consist of the liaison members appointed by each neighborhood association. In addition to electing the board members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board, the liaison members shall offer feedback to the board members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board at least twice each year at a meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Board.

Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority. The authority shall have eight members, four appointed by the City Council and four appointed by the Pitt County Commissioners. The City Council and Pitt County Commissioner liaisons shall serve as voting members of the authority. City members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy. Appointment letters shall be sent by the City Clerk's Office for City Members. County members shall be appointed by the County Commissioners and appointment letters for those members sent by the County Clerk's Office. A copy of the letter shall be forwarded to the City Clerk's Office, at which time the City records shall be updated.

Pitt-Greenville Convention and Visitors Authority. The authority shall have eleven members as follows: Four owners or operators of hotels, motels, or other taxable accommodations, two of whom shall be appointed by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners and two of whom shall be appointed by the City Council; two individuals who are directly involved in a tourist or convention-related business but do not own or operate a hotel, motel, or other taxable accommodation, one appointed by the Board of Commissioners and one appointed by the City Council; two residents of Greenville, appointed by the City Council, and two residents of Pitt County but not of Greenville, appointed by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners, none of whom is involved in a tourist or convention-related business or owns or operates a hotel, motel, or other taxable accommodation; and one individual who is a member of the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce, appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce. City members of the Convention and Visitors Authority Board shall be appointed by the City Council. Appointment letters shall be sent by the City Clerk's Office for the City appointments. The City Council shall also make a nomination to the County on five of the members, and appointment of County members shall be made by the Pitt County Commissioners based on the nominations of City Council. The Board of Commissioners has the right to reject any nominee from the City Council and request additional nominees. If the City Council fails to recommend a nominee to the County within sixty days after a written request for nominees is sent by the County to the City, then the Board of Commissioners may appoint any individual meeting the eligibility requirements of the Enabling Legislation. The County Clerk shall be responsible for sending out appointment letters for County members. The

Chamber of Commerce shall appoint one of its members and is responsible for sending out the appointment letter for that appointment and sending a copy of the letter to the City Clerk's Office, at which time the records are updated.

Planning and Zoning Commission. The commission shall be composed of nine regular members and three alternate members. Appointments of members appointed by City Council shall be made to promote the representation of a variety of interests. This representation should include some members with environmental, neighborhood preservation, development and business interests. Seven regular City members and two alternate members shall reside within the corporate limits of the City and shall be appointed by the City Council. Appointment letters shall be sent from the City Clerk's Office for the City appointments. The County Commissioners shall appoint two regular County members and one alternate member. The appointment letter for County appointees shall be sent from the County Clerk's Office. A copy of the appointment/reappointment letters shall be sent to the City Clerk's Office, at which time the City records shall be updated.

Police Community Relations Committee. The committee shall be composed of seven members (one from each district, one at-large and one appointed by the Mayor). Members are appointed directly by the Mayor and individual Council Members. Members should not hold any elected office.

Public Transportation and Parking Commission. The commission shall be composed of seven members, all of whom shall be citizens and residents of the City. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

Recreation and Parks Commission. The commission shall be composed of nine members, all of whom shall be residents of the City. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

Redevelopment Commission. The commission shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be residents of the City. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

Sheppard Memorial Library Board. The board shall consist of nine members. City members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy. Appointment letters shall be sent from the City Clerk's Office for the City appointments. The County Commissioners shall appoint county candidates, and the appointment letters for County members shall be sent from the County Clerk's Office. A copy of the appointment/reappointment letter shall be sent to the City Clerk's Office, at which time the City records shall be updated. The City Council liaison to the Sheppard Memorial Library Board shall serve as a voting ex-officio member of the Board.

Youth Council. The Greenville Youth Council shall be composed of twenty-five members as follows: three representatives from each of the Pitt County public high schools; one

representative from each of the private schools located in Pitt County (Trinity Christian School, Greenville Christian Academy, Calvary Christian Academy, and The Oakwood School); one home schooled student; and two youth members from the Human Relations Council. All members shall be appointed by the City Council in accordance with this policy and the City Clerk's Office shall send the appointment letters for those members.

When an appointment is to be made by City Council on a particular board or commission, the City Council liaison shall contact the City Clerk's Office by noon on the Monday prior to the Thursday City Council meeting with a name of the person to be recommended for appointment. (Exceptions to this are (1) the Police Community Relations Committee, to which the Mayor and City Council Members each make individual appointments without a vote of City Council, (2) the Housing Authority, to which either, in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Housing Authority section above, the Mayor makes the appointment or City Council appoints commissioners after receipt of a nomination from Council Members on a rotating basis or City Council appoints a commissioner after receipt of a recommendation from the Housing Authority or City Council confirms the appointment of a commissioner who is elected by other persons directly assisted by the Housing Authority and (3) the Redevelopment Commission, to which the Mayor and each Council Member make a nomination for the individual members so that the Commission consists of members appointed by City Council after receipt of a nomination by either the Mayor or a Council Member.) If a talent bank form is not on file for the individual, the City Council Member shall be responsible for providing one to the City Clerk prior to that time. The City Clerk's Office shall be responsible for providing a copy of the talent bank form to all City Council Members at the Monday night meeting so that a recommendation can be made by the City Council liaison for appointment on Thursday night. Talent bank forms shall be provided to City Council on Monday night and the recommendation discussed, giving other City Council Members an opportunity for comment on the recommendation. A consensus on appointees shall be made at the Monday meeting. If written information is unavailable to be presented at the Monday night meeting, the City Council liaison shall provide a copy of the talent bank form to the City Clerk's Office by Wednesday at noon to be submitted to Council in the Wednesday Notes to Council. Official action on appointments shall be taken at the Thursday Council meeting held during the month in which the appointment is due, unless a recommendation has not been selected, at which time the appointment shall be continued to the following month.

Appointment to a Board at the Conclusion of Service on a Board

When a citizen completes at least one full term on a board or commission, that person shall be eligible to serve on another as a City member at the completion of the term. However, a one-year waiting period is required in order to serve on the same board or commission.

Alternate Members

On certain boards and commissions, members shall originally be appointed as Alternate Members in order to provide a learning period unless there are more vacancies on the Board than

the number of alternate slots for the Board at the time of appointment (see last sentence of this section). The alternates vote only when a regular member is absent or unable to vote. City alternates shall be provided for various boards as follows:

Affordable Housing Loan Committee	Alternate
Board of Adjustment	Alternate Nos. 1, 2 and 3
Planning and Zoning Commission	Alternate Nos. 1 and 2

Alternates shall move up in rank or to a regular member slot as vacancies become available on the board upon approval by the City Council and in accordance with the following rotation. In the instance of only one alternate, when a vacancy becomes available to replace regular member, the alternate shall move up and a new alternate member appointed. In the instance of two alternates, when a vacancy becomes available to replace a regular member, Alternate #1 shall be elevated to a regular member, Alternate #2 shall be elevated to Alternate #1, and a new Alternate #2 appointed. In the instance of three alternates, when a vacancy becomes available to replace a regular member, Alternate #1 shall be elevated to a regular member, Alternate #2 shall be elevated to Alternate #1, Alternate #3 shall be elevated to Alternate #2, and a new Alternate #3 appointed. In the event that there are two elevations at one time, the Alternate members shall move in the order in which they would have normally been elevated.

Reappointments

Persons serving on City boards and commissions having a term of more than three years shall be ineligible for consideration for reappointment. Persons serving on City boards and commissions having a term of three years or less shall be eligible for consideration for reappointment to a second term, but shall be ineligible for a third term. Persons serving unexpired terms on any City board or commission shall be eligible for consideration for appointment to a full term. On joint City and County boards, such as the Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority and the Sheppard Memorial Library Board, City appointees may be reappointed to a second term. The purpose of this exception is to create the same reappointment policy for City appointees as that of the County on joint City/County boards; this policy shall be reviewed if the County of Pitt amends the County appointment policy with regard to joint City/County boards. The Housing Authority shall also be excepted.

Resignation of Board or Commission Members Elected to Public Office

Members of City boards or commissions who are elected as Mayor or as a City Council Member shall submit a resignation from the board or commission prior to becoming installed as an elected official.

Service of a Full-Time Employee on a Board or Commission

A full-time employee of the City of Greenville shall not be eligible to serve on a city authority, board, commission or committee as an appointee of the Mayor, City Council or a Council Member. If such a member becomes a full-time employee of the City of Greenville, that shall constitute a resignation from the authority, board, commission or committee upon which he serves, effective upon the date a replacement is appointed. The prohibition established herein shall not apply to any current full-time City employee who is currently serving on an authority, board, commission or committee for so long as said employee serves on the same body until the completion of the current term. The prohibition established herein shall not apply to service resulting from being an ex-officio member.

Serving on Two Boards Simultaneously

With the exception of ad hoc committees, task forces, or other like groups created by the City Council for a specified length of time and for a specified purpose, individuals shall not serve on more than one city board or commission as a City Council appointment at the same time.

Individuals shall not hold more than two appointive offices or more than one appointive office and an elective office concurrently in violation of North Carolina General Statute 128-1.1.

Designation of Liaisons and their Roles and Responsibilities

Designation. The Mayor shall designate City Council Members and the Mayor as liaisons to boards and commissions whose members are appointed by the City. Prior to the designation of the liaisons, the Mayor shall ask Council Members to which boards and commissions they prefer to be designated as liaison. The Council Members shall be provided an opportunity to discuss their choices with the Mayor.

Length of Designation. The liaisons shall serve until the end of their elected two-year term as a City Council Member or the Mayor.

Roles of the Liaisons. The liaison is a communication link between the City Council and the appointed board or commission. The liaison role is not to regularly and actively discuss subjects on the agenda with the board or commission members, but to offer insight into overall City goals and policies that have been adopted by the City Council as it may relate to an issue being considered by the board or commission. The liaison, from time to time as appropriate, shall inform City Council of major activities of the board or commission.

Attendance. The attendance at board or commission meetings is at the discretion of the liaison. While attendance at every meeting is not required, attendance sufficient to understand the subjects before the board or commission is important.

Voting. The liaison is not a voting member of the board or commission and may not make motions at a meeting of the board or commission. The exception to this is the Sheppard Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority where the liaison is a voting member and should participate as a full member.

Appointments. The liaison is to review the applications in the talent bank for vacancies on the board or commission and to make recommendations of persons to City Council to fill the vacancies. The exception to this is Housing Authority and the Police Community Relations Committee.

Attendance of Members

All appointed members of the various boards and commissions are expected to attend all regular meetings. Whenever a member of any board or commission has missed three or more consecutive regular meetings or fails to attend seventy-five percent of all regularly scheduled meetings, the staff liaison to the board or commission shall notify the City Clerk of the member's attendance record. The City Clerk's Office shall send a letter to the member asking to be notified about the person's ability to attend future meetings. A copy of the letter shall be sent to the City Council liaison. If, within 30 days, the member responds that he desires to continue serving and will attend future meetings on a regular basis, the City Clerk's Office will notify the City Council liaison, and the attendance will be monitored for a period of three months, at which time replacement or other appropriate action may occur if the attendance requirements are still not met. However, if the person either fails to respond to the letter within 30 days or indicates that he is unable or unwilling to attend, the City Council liaison will be notified by the City Clerk's Office and the vacancy placed on the next possible City Council agenda for replacement or other appropriate action. The appointment shall be for the duration of the unexpired term of the member whose position has been vacated.

Failure to observe any requirement of this policy shall not affect the validity or legality of any appointment.

This policy adopted by the Greenville City Council via Resolution No. 09-55 on November 9, 2009 replaces previous board and commission policies that have been adopted by the Greenville City Council.