

## Chapter 17 - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### ARTICLE I. - IN GENERAL

Secs. 17-1—17-25. - Reserved.

### ARTICLE II. - PLANNING BOARD

#### Sec. 17-26. - Establishment, jurisdiction.

There is hereby established under the authority of G.S. ~~153A-320 through 153A-324~~ **160D-301** a board to be known as the Rowan County Planning Board whose jurisdiction shall include the area within the boundaries of the county.

(Ord. of 4-4-77, § 1(1); Amend. of 2-5-07; Amend. of 2-18-08)

#### Sec. 17-27. - Appointment and terms of planning board members.

- (a) The planning board shall be composed of nine (9) members who shall be residents of the county.
- (b) Planning board members shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms, but members may continue to serve until their successors have been appointed. All terms of office shall end on the thirty-first day of December of a year. Any terms not ending on December thirty-first shall be extended to December thirty-first of that year from and after April 3, 1989. Initially, four (4) members shall be appointed for three-year terms, four (4) members shall be appointed for two-year terms, and three (3) members shall be appointed for one-year terms. Current members who have three-year, two-year or one-year terms remaining shall continue to serve with additional members being appointed to establish the staggered terms of the planning board membership. Vacancies may be filled for the unexpired term only.
- (c) Planning board members may be removed by the board of commissioners at any time for failure to attend three (3) consecutive meetings or for failure to attend thirty (30) percent or more of the meetings within any twelve-month period or for any other good cause related to performance of duties. Upon request of the member proposed for removal, the board of county commissioners shall hold a hearing on the removal before it becomes effective.
- (d) If a planning board member moves outside the county, that shall constitute a resignation from the planning board, effective upon the date a replacement is appointed by the board of commissioners.

(Ord. of 4-4-77, § 1(2); Ord. of 4-3-89, § 1; Amend. of 2-5-07; Amend. of 2-18-08; Amend. of 11-19-12)

#### Sec. 17-28. - Powers and duties.

It shall be the duty of the county planning board to:

1. ~~Make studies of the county and surrounding areas.~~ **Prepare, review, maintain, monitor, and periodically update and recommend to the board of commissioners**

a comprehensive plan, and such other plans as deemed appropriate consistent with G.S. 160D-501, and conduct ongoing research, data collection, mapping, and analysis;

2. ~~Determine objectives to be sought in the development of the study area.~~ **Facilitate and coordinate citizen engagement and participation in the planning process;**
3. ~~Prepare and adopt plans for achieving these objectives.~~
4. Develop and recommend policies, ordinances, **development regulations**, administrative procedures and other means for carrying out plans in a coordinated and efficient manner;
5. ~~4.~~ Advise the board of commissioners concerning the ~~use and amendment of means for carrying out~~ **implementation of plans, including, but not limited to, review and comment on all zoning text and map amendments;**
6. ~~5.~~ Exercise any functions in the administration and enforcement of various means for carrying out plans that the board of commissioners may direct; **and**
7. ~~6.~~ Perform any other related duties that the board of commissioners may direct.

(Ord. of 4-4-77, § 1(3); Amend. of 2-5-07; Amend. of 2-18-08)

**Sec. 17-29. - ~~Acceptance of funds, etc.;~~ Grants, contracts, and technical assistance.**

- (a) The ~~planning board~~ **county** may accept, receive and disburse in furtherance of its functions funds, grants, and services made available by the federal government or its agencies, the state government or its agencies, any local government or its agencies, and private or civic sources. The ~~planning board, with the concurrence of the board of commissioners,~~ **county** may enter into and carry out contracts with the state or federal governments or any agencies ~~of either~~ **thereof** under which financial or other planning assistance is made available to the county and may agree to and comply with any reasonable conditions that are imposed upon the assistance.
- (b) The ~~planning board, with the concurrence of the board of commissioners,~~ **county** may enter into and carry out contracts with any other county, city, regional council or planning agency under which it agrees to furnish technical planning assistance to the other local government or planning agency. The ~~planning board, with the concurrence of the board of commissioners,~~ **county** may enter into and carry out contracts with any other county, city, regional council or planning agency under which it agrees to pay the other local government ~~or planning agency~~ for technical planning assistance.
- (c) The county may make any appropriations that may be necessary to carry out an activity or contract authorized by G.S. **160D-502** ~~153A-320 through 153A-378, by G.S. 160A-400.1 et seq., or by G.S. 160A-360 through 160A-458.4~~ or to support, and compensate members of the planning board.

(Ord. of 4-4-77, § 1(4); Amend. of 2-5-07; Amend. of 2-18-08)