

Sec. 2-156. - Appointment of members, terms of office and removal.

- (a) *Voting members and residence requirement.* At least two-thirds of the members of each board or commission shall be residents of the city. Members shall represent a broad range of interest in functions of the city.
- (b) *Ex officio members.* The city council may appoint, by majority vote, a councilmembers or city staff persons as ex officio members of any board or commission privileged to speak on any matter without a vote, and the ex officio members shall provide a liaison between the board or commission and city council.
- (c) *Appointment and oath.* Members of a board or commission shall be appointed by a majority vote of the city council for staggered four-year terms, in addition to any partial term a person may be appointed to complete on behalf of a predecessor who is unable to complete said term. Each appointed member shall, before entering upon the discharge of duties, take an oath agreeing to faithfully discharge the duties of office.
- (d) *Serve without compensation.* All members of a board or commission shall serve without compensation. Board or commission members may receive a stipend for expenses as established by resolution of the city council.
- (e) *Attendance policy.* The absence of a board of commission member from three or more regularly scheduled meetings of his board or commission within any six-month period shall be cause for removal of that member from his seat on the board or commission. The city council shall have the authority to remove board or commission members for violation of this policy.
- (f) *Terms.* Board and commission members shall serve four-year terms. There will be no limit to the number of terms that can be served.
- (g) *Code of conduct.* It is the policy of the city to maintain a respectful public service environment free from violence, discrimination and unlawful activities relating specifically to the boards of commission members role with the city, and other offensive or degrading remarks or conduct.
- (1) *Expected conduct of board and commission members.* Board and commission members shall conduct themselves at all times in such a manner as to reflect most favorably on the city. Conduct unbecoming a board or commission member shall include any conduct that tends to bring the city

into disrepute or reflects discredit on the person as a board or commission member of the city, or that which tends to impair the functioning of a board or commission member.

(2) *Consequences of engaging in inappropriate conduct as a board or commission member.* Board or commission members who are found to engage in inappropriate conduct while acting in their official capacity as a board or commission member are subject to disciplinary action. Discipline may include, but is not limited to, a verbal or written reprimand or suspension from his position on the board or commission.

(h) *Removal of members.*

- (1) Board and commission members may be removed from their position at any time, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the city council.
- (2) This subsection (h) does not apply to members of the Charter commission or members of the economic development authority as said bodies are organized under the authority of state statutes and; consequently, the removal of members of said bodies is regulated by state statutes.

(Code 1978, § 2.03.02; Ord. No. 92-04, 6-12-1992; Ord. No. 97-10, 8-11-1997; Ord. No. 03-03, 3-17-2003; Ord. No. 03-42, 11-17-2003; Ord. No. 06-12, § 1, 4-11-2006; Ord. No. 09-07, § 2(2.03.02), 5-12-2009)