



# Planning Commission Agenda Item

**Meeting Date:** 6/9/2026

**From:** Josh White, Community Development  
Director

**Item:** Bylaws

**Purpose:** Discuss the bylaws and suggest changes as appropriate.

**Background:**

At the May meeting, the bylaws were discussed focusing on voting members. The concern raised involved whether the growth area members should be voting members. Staff reached out to other communities and the League of Kansas Municipalities. Most comments received stated they had never had this discussion before. The League noted that the statute (K.S.A. 12-744) that requires the Planning Commission to have members from the Growth Area does not consider them ex-officio members but otherwise didn't find a specific prohibition against removing voting privileges. This statute has never been tested in this manner to their knowledge. They did advise against the proposed change partly because extraterritorial jurisdiction has been challenged in the Legislature recently and such action could reinforce the reasons for opposition to it. For this reason, while staff understand the concerns of the Planning Commission, it is advised to leave voting privileges intact for Growth Area members.

**Action:**

Hold a discussion on the bylaws and recommend changes as appropriate.

**Attachments:**

Bylaws

K.S.A. 12-744

Zoning Article 25