

ORDINANCE 2025-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND DIVISION 17, SECTION 3-188 OF CHAPTER 3 OF THE TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FROM FIVE OR SEVEN MEMBERS TO THREE MEMBERS

WHEREAS, currently the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Bowling Green consists of five to seven members; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2308 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, allows towns with a population of 3,500 or less to have three, five or seven members; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council for Bowling Green has determined it will be easier to recruit and fill terms if it reduces the number of members on the Board of Zoning Appeals and as a result help its citizens and the Town conduct its business in a more efficient manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council for the Town of Bowling Green, Virginia, as follows:

CHAPTER 3: LAND USE AND BUILDINGS

§1. Division 17 Appeals

Section 3-188. Board of Zoning Appeals established; membership.

- (a) This Board ~~shall~~ consist~~ing~~ of ~~three~~~~five or seven~~ members ~~and~~ shall be appointed by the Circuit Court of Caroline County. Members of the Board may receive such compensation as may be authorized by the Town Council. Members shall be removable for cause upon written charges and after a public hearing. Appointments for vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be in all cases for the unexpired term.
- (b) The term of office shall be for five years, except that the original appointments shall be made for such terms that the term of at least one member shall expire each year.
- (c) Members may be removed for cause by the Circuit Court upon written charges and after a ~~public~~ hearing pursuant to Section 15.2-2308(D) of the Code of Virginia.
- (d) Any member of the Board shall be disqualified to act upon a matter before the Board with respect to property in which the member has an interest as defined by the Conflicts of Interest Act.
- (e) The Board shall choose annually its own Chairman and, in his absence, an Acting Chairman.

State Law Reference—Authority to adopt, §15.2-2308

§2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect in Bowling Green on and after its date of adoption by the Town Council.

Effective date: March 6, 2025

Tina Gambill, Mayor
Bowling Green Town Council

Attest:

India Adams-Jacobs
Clerk to the Town Council

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