

Board of Zoning Appeals Zoning Text Amendment

Property Information	City-wide		
Address			
Tax Map, Group, Parcel			
Civil District			
Overlay District			
Land Use Designation			
Acres			
Existing Use		Existing Zoning	
Proposed Use		Proposed Zoning	
Owner /Applicant Information			
Name: City staff initiated Address: City: State: Zip Code: Email: Phone Number:		Intent: To amend Chapter 114, Zoning, as it pertains to the amount of members and span of membership terms of the Board of Zoning Appeals.	
Planning Department Recommendation			
(Approve, Deny, or Defer) The Kingsport Planning Division recommends APPROVAL			
Planner:	Ken Weems	Date:	5/1/2025
Planning Commission Action		Meeting Date:	5/15/2025
Approval:			
Denial:		Reason for Denial:	
Deferred:		Reason for Deferral:	

INTENT

To amend Chapter 114, Zoning, as it pertains to the amount of members and span of membership terms of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Introduction:

The Kingsport Board of Zoning Appeals experienced a recent increase in membership from 5 to 7 members. Additionally, the term length for Board of Zoning Appeals members was decreased from 5 years to 3 years. The presentation below details the needed zoning text amendment to match existing conditions.

Presentation:

Current membership amount and term length of the Kingsport Board of Zoning Appeals as found in the zoning code:

Sec. 114-65. - Established; appointment; terms; vacancies.

A board of zoning appeals is established, to consist of five members, who may be members of the planning commission. The members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the board of mayor and aldermen. The terms of membership shall be five years. Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired term by appointment by the mayor and confirmation by the board of mayor and aldermen.

Proposed membership amount and term length of the Kingsport Board of Zoning Appeals as viewed in the proposed text amendment (the two changes are highlighted in yellow):

Sec. 114-65. - Established; appointment; terms; vacancies.

A board of zoning appeals is established, to consist of **seven** members, who may be members of the planning commission. The members shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by a majority vote of the board of mayor and aldermen. The terms of membership shall be **three** years. Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired term by appointment by the mayor and confirmation by the board of mayor and aldermen.

Staff recommends sending a positive recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in support of the proposed changes.