
Sec. 2-112. Membership on boards and committees terminated for missing meetings; filling of vacancies.

- (a) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings herein ascribed to them:

Board means board or committee, as appropriate.

Valid excuse means one of the following:

- (1) Illness of a member or other person for whom the member is a caregiver;
 - (2) Death of a member's relative; or
 - (3) Scheduled absence approved in advance by the town clerk.
- (b) *Recording of attendance.* The secretary of each board shall record the names of the board members who are present and absent at each board meeting, and shall include in the minutes of the meeting, the name of any member who has missed a meeting without a valid excuse, including regular and special meetings of said board.
- (c) *Termination of membership.* Membership on a town board shall be automatically terminated for any member who, without valid excuse, misses three board meetings both regular and special in any consecutive 365-day period (any one-year term of the member).
- (d) *Review of minutes.* The town clerk shall be responsible for reviewing the minutes of each board to determine when a vacancy has occurred, the town clerk shall confirm the unexcused absences of the member with the board secretary and once confirmed shall subsequently publish notice of the vacancy in a newspaper of general circulation of the town. The town commission shall fill the vacancy no sooner than two weeks after the publication of such notice. The term of a board member who is removed from office for lack of attendance shall end at the close of the third meeting in which the member failed to attend and which absence was not excused.
- (e) *Notice of vacancies.* The town clerk shall monitor the terms of office for board members. Not less than 60 days prior to the end of a board member's term, the clerk shall publish a notice of the impending vacancy.
- (f) *Publication of notice.* When publication of notice is required pursuant to this section, such publication shall be in the town newsletter and/or by other reasonable means of posting and publication. Copies of such notices shall be provided to the town commission at the next regular meeting following publication.
- (g) *Profile sheet.* Each person seeking an initial appointment to a board shall be required to complete a profile sheet. The form for such profile sheet shall be approved by the commission. Any current regular member or alternate member seeking appointment or reappointment shall also be required to complete a profile sheet if one has not been completed within the previous three years. A profile sheet shall be due no later than 48 hours prior to the regular town commission meeting at which the appointment is scheduled to occur.
- (h) *Appointment of alternate members.* The town commission shall appoint two alternates for each board. Alternate members of a board shall be appointed as first alternate and second alternate and shall serve in that order when necessary. Alternate members shall be permitted to participate in all board discussions. When an alternate member serves, the alternate member shall have all the powers and duties of a regular member including the right to vote on any matter before the board.
- (i) *Nomination for action on vacancies.* The clerk shall prepare a list of volunteers, including members who seek reappointment, along with the profile sheet for commission action on a vacancy. The list of volunteers shall include the name of each person seeking the appointment for which a profile sheet has been timely received. The commission may interview board and committee members appearing on the clerk's list who

volunteer for reappointment or appointment. A nomination to fill a vacancy may be made by any member of the commission. For a nominee to be appointed there must be a second and majority vote of the commission. Thereafter, the clerk shall notify each volunteer applicant in writing of the commission's action.

- (j) Vacancies on a board or committee shall be automatically filled by an alternate member of that board or committee for the unexpired term. If two vacancies occur at the same time, the second vacancy shall be filled by the second alternate for the unexpired term. If a board or committee has more than two vacancies, the town commission may appoint temporary members, as necessary, who shall serve until the commission makes a regular appointment. The town clerk shall notify an alternate upon a change in status.
- (k) *Residency requirement.* All members of town boards shall be residents of the town. However, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the town commission may appoint no more than two (including alternate members) town business owners to a board or committee of the town.

(Ord. No. 33-1974, §§ I—III, 11-20-1974; Ord. No. 10-1979, § 1, 8-1-1979; Ord. No. 8-1982, § 1, 3-3-1982; Ord. No. 16-1990, § 1, 9-5-1990; Ord. No. 4-1991, § 1, 2-6-1991; Ord. No. 11-1994, § I, 5-18-1994; Ord. No. 6-1995, § I, 3-1-1995; Ord. No. 12-2001, § 1, 8-15-2001; Code 1978, § 2-57; Ord. No. 22-2004, § 2, 11-17-2004; Ord. No. 31-2004, § 2, 1-19-2005; Ord. No. 12-2006, § 2, 11-1-2006; Ord. No. 10-2013, § 2, 8-21-2013; Ord. No. 05-2016, § 2, 7-20-2016)