

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM MEMO
REGULAR MEETING**

SUBJECT: Amending Municipal Code Ch. 74 Article II, Planning & Zoning Commission, Sec. 74-31, Created; membership; terms; vacancies

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Summary: We are proposing an amendment to the existing code regarding the terms of Planning and Zoning Commission board members. The proposed change involves reducing the current five-year term to a three-year term for all members. This adjustment encourages fresh perspectives and ensures a steady stream of new ideas and energy in our organization.

The current code outlines as follows:

There is created a planning and zoning commission for the city. The planning and zoning commission shall consist of a chairman and six other members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. Initially, three members shall be appointed for two-year terms and four members for three-year terms. Thereafter, members shall be appointed to five-year terms to begin on July 1. The schedule of appointments shall be on file with the city clerk. The successor of each member appointed under this section shall serve for a term of five years. Vacancies shall be filled by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council, for the unexpired term. Members may be removed by the mayor for cause after written charges have been filed and after a public hearing has been held, if demanded by the member so charged.

Additionally, there shall be four non-voting members of the commission appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council, who may reside more than one and one-half miles outside the city. The non-voting members shall be chosen on the basis of expertise and/or experience in matters which are under the jurisdiction of the planning and zoning commission.

Our commitment to promoting inclusivity and diversity within leadership roles is reflected in this change. It allows for a more frequent rotation of members, facilitating broader representation and engagement. We believe that this adjustment will significantly contribute to the long-term success and sustainability of our organization.

Strategic Plan Goal Application: This modification aligns with our strategic plan to promote flexibility and adaptability within our organization.