

**Secs. 54-1—54-30. Reserved**

## **ARTICLE II. PLANNING COMMISSION**

**Sec. 54-31 Created: composition; terms; removal; compensation.**

A County Planning Commission is hereby created for the County in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, Local Planning Commissions of Chapter 22, Planning, Subdivision of Land and Zoning, of Title 15.2, Counties, Cities, Towns, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended. Such Commission shall consist of twelve members appointed by the Board of Supervisors as follows:

- 1) One resident from each of the County's seven election districts;
- 2) One resident from each of the four incorporated towns located within the boundaries of the County who shall be appointed as set forth in Section 54-32; and
- 3) One member of the Board of Supervisors, who shall act as a liaison and shall not have a vote on any matters that come before the Planning Commission. The Board's liaison shall be appointed to the Commission annually by the Board of Supervisors at their organizational meeting in January.

All members, with the exception of the Board of Supervisors' liaison, shall be appointed for staggered terms of four (4) years. Any vacancy in membership shall be filled through appointment by the Board of Supervisors, and such appointment shall be for an unexpired term. Any member may be removed by the Board of Supervisors for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, provided that such removal may be made only after a public hearing at which the member is given an opportunity to appear and be heard on the charges against him.

The Board of Supervisors may provide for compensation to commission members for their services, reimbursement for actual expenses incurred, or both.  
(Res. of 5-9-60, § 1) (Amended 12-7-2004) (Amended 11-13-2019)

**State law reference—** Qualifications, appointment, removal, terms and compensation of members of local planning commissions, Code of Virginia, § 15.2-2212

**Sec. 54-32. Town representatives.**

The Planning Commission shall include one resident from each of the four incorporated Towns within the boundaries of the County. The Board of Supervisors shall request each of the four Town Councils and/or Mayor to suggest a resident or residents of their respective Town to be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission. The Board shall thereafter consider the Towns' recommendations and appoint the Town representatives to the Planning Commission who shall serve for staggered terms of four (4) years each.

(Mo. of 1-8-73) (Amended 12-7-2004) (Amended 11-13-2019)

**Sec. 54-33. Functions, powers and duties.**

The County Planning Commission shall have all functions, powers and duties which are prescribed by law.

(Res. Of 5-9-60, § 2)

**State law reference**—Duties of Planning Commission, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-444.

**Sec. 54-34. Comprehensive plan; assembling data; studies; preparation; procedures.**

The County Planning Commission shall prepare a program of work and shall adopt the same after consultation with the Board of Supervisors. The program of works shall outline the activities in which the commission expects to engage in:

- (1) Assembling such data regarding the county and adjacent territory as such Commission may deem to be necessary in exercising its functions, powers and duties;
- (2) Analyzing such data and making such studies as may be necessary in the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the county;
- (3) Preparing the comprehensive plan as a general guide for the development of the county and as a basis for the preparation of zoning and other regulations; and
- (4) Recommending to the Board of Supervisors appropriate procedures for effectuating the plan.

(Res. of 5-9-60 § 3)

**State law reference**—Comprehensive plan, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-446.1 et seq.