

Staff Report. Proposed Text Amendments

Amendment proposed to Chapter 30 of the Oak Code of Ordinances to amend a portion of Article IV Boards and Commissions, Division 2, Planning and Zoning Board, Section 30-167 *Membership* ordinance.

Sec. 30-167. - Membership.

The planning and zoning board shall consist of seven members and may have alternates as appointed by the city council. Two members residing in the extraterritorial jurisdiction areas shall be appointed as outside representatives in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 160D-307; provided, that one outside representative shall reside in the extraterritorial jurisdiction areas lying north of Haw River Road, and one outside representative shall reside in the extraterritorial jurisdiction areas lying south of Haw River Road. The outside representatives shall have equal rights, privileges and duties with the other members of the planning and zoning board.

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Staff Comments.

Recent voluntary annexation has led to a decrease in the overall population in the Oak Ridge Extra-territorial Jurisdiction. Due to this decrease in population the ETJ is now overrepresented on the Planning and Zoning Board. Staff recommend changing the membership of the P&Z Board to reflect a decrease in ETJ representation to better reflect the equal representation across the whole population of the Town and ETJ.