

List of Draft Possible Code Changes - Committees

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Overarching:

- Common committee structure and overall purposes
- Minimal detail in code
- Common “model” bylaws and procedures not in code, eliminate all specific references
- Consider codifying, annual Council review and feedback for committees each year during priority setting

Common names: Boards and Committees

Common structure (all committees, except with exceptions noted):

- 7-9 committee members
- Members should be residents of Takoma Park
- Three-year terms for quasi-judicial & regulatory boards, two-year terms for standing committees
- Six-year total limit, followed by minimum one-year hiatus from THAT committee (could join a different committee); allow for exceptions where needed to allow for continuity of operations
- Staggered term appointments only to start
- Required adherence to Code of Conduct
- General purposes of committees/ revised core charge:
 - Provide the Council with tangible recommendations in key priority areas or fulfill the City’s regulatory functions and requirements
 - Leverage residents’ technical expertise and lived experiences to inform City policies and programs
 - Ensure that the Council has regular and timely information to use when considering its priorities or important issues
 - Create an opportunity to engage residents on issues that are important to them as well as enable residents to assist in community education and engagement activities in their priority areas
- Do member supports need to be in code?

Exceptions:

- Youth Council - maintain current term structure
- COLTA - specific membership slots as defined in current code, allow non-resident rental property owners; reduce to 7-9 members
- Emergency Preparedness Committee - institutional members (need to specify)
- Police Pension Board - different structure, only 2 resident members
- BoE - term limit extended to three 3-year terms
- AHC - allow non-resident members who work or have art business in TP

Specific Committees Recommended to Be Discontinued or Revised:

- Personnel Appeals Board – discontinue
- Facade Advisory Board - discontinue
- Commemoration Commission – phase out
- Complete Safe Streets Committee - discontinue
- Nuclear Free Committee – phase out
- Committee on the Environment - reconstitute as Sustainable MD green team
- Noise Control Board - continue pending public safety discussion

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