

**Sec. 2-77. Accounting methods; examination and certification.**

(a) It shall be the duty of the city clerk, treasurer and tax collector to keep their records and accounts in such manner as will permit an easy auditing in all respects, as far as the nature of the city's business permits. The accounting systems maintained by them shall conform to those employed by progressive business concerns and approved by the best usage.

(b) All accounts shall be examined and certified to be correct by the city treasurer or, in his absence, the city manager.

(Code 1959, § 2-31)

**Secs. 2-78—2-100. Reserved.****ARTICLE V. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, ETC.\*****DIVISION 1. GENERALLY****Secs. 2-101—2-115. Reserved.****DIVISION 2. COMMUNITY APPEARANCE COMMISSION†****Sec. 2-116. Created.**

There is hereby created and established the city community appearance commission, referred to in this division as the commission.

(Code 1959, § 2-121)

State law reference—Authority to create commission, G.S. § 160A-451.

**Sec. 2-117. Members.**

(a) The commission shall be composed of nine (9) members appointed by the mayor. All members shall be residents of the city's planning and zoning jurisdiction or own a business within the city's planning and zoning jurisdiction at the time of appointment.

(b) Where possible, appointments shall be made in such a manner as to maintain on the commission at all times a majority of members who have had special training or experience in a design field, such as architecture, landscape architecture, horticulture, city planning or a closely related field.

(c) Members shall be appointed for three-year staggered terms. Initially, commission appointments shall be: Three (3) members for one-year terms, three (3) members for two-year

\*Charter references—Alcoholic beverages control board, § 6.1 et seq.; civic center authority, App., Art. I.

Cross references—Municipal airport commission, § 4-28; planning board, § 17-26 et seq.

†Cross references—Nuisances, Ch. 13; solid waste, Ch. 19.

State law reference—Community appearance commissions, G.S. § 160A-451 et seq.

terms and three (3) members for three-year terms expiring on January 31 of the appropriate term of appointment. All subsequent appointments, except to fill a vacancy, shall be for three-year terms.

(d) Members of the commission shall serve without pay, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses incidental to the performance of their duties within the limits of funds available to the commission.

(e) Members of the commission shall be subject to removal by the mayor and council. The procedure for this shall be that the mayor will report, in open council session, the name of the member whose removal from the commission he deems to be in the best interest of the city. This must be confirmed by a two-thirds majority vote of the city council membership.

(Code 1959, §§ 2-121, 2-122; Ord. No. 14-95, 5-1-95)

State law reference—Membership on commission, G.S. § 160A-451.

#### Sec. 2-118. Organization; records; meetings.

(a) The commission shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary; the latter officer need not be a member of the commission. It shall also adopt bylaws to govern the conduct of its business.

(b) The commission shall maintain a record of its members' attendance and of its actions, findings and recommendations, which shall be open to the public for inspection.

(c) A quorum of five (5) members shall be necessary to take any official action authorized or required by this division.

(d) The commission shall meet at regular, scheduled times and at other times as the commission may determine as provided for in the bylaws of the commission. All of its meetings shall be open to the public.

(Code 1959, § 2-123)

#### Sec. 2-119. Powers and duties. \*

The commission shall have the power and duty to:

- (1) Initiate, promote and assist in the implementation of programs of general community beautification in the city;
- (2) Seek to coordinate the activities of individuals, agencies, and organizations, public and private, whose plans, activities and programs bear upon the appearance of the city;
- (3) Provide leadership and guidance in matters of area or community design and appearance to all public organizations and agencies; and, when and where requested, to all private individuals, organizations and agencies;
- (4) Make studies of the visual characteristics and problems of the city, including surveys and inventories of an appropriate nature, and to recommend standards and policies of design for the entire area, any portion or neighborhood thereof, or any project to be undertaken;

- (5) Prepare both general and specific plans for the improved appearance of the city; these plans may include the entire area or any part thereof, and may include private as well as public property. The plans shall set forth desirable standards and goals for the aesthetic enhancement of the city or any part thereof within its area of planning and zoning jurisdiction, including public ways and areas, open spaces, and public and private buildings and projects;
- (6) Request from the proper officials of any public agency or body, including agencies of the state and its potential subdivisions, its plans for public buildings, facilities or projects to be located within the city or its area of planning and zoning jurisdiction;
- (7) Review these plans and to make recommendations regarding their aesthetic suitability to the appropriate agency, or to the planning board or city council. All plans shall be reviewed by the commission in a prompt and expeditious manner, and all recommendations of the commission with regard to any public project shall be made in writing. Copies of the recommendation shall be transmitted promptly to the planning board or city council and to the appropriate agency;
- (8) Formulate and recommend to the city council the adoption or amendment of ordinances (including the zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations and other local ordinances regulating the use of property) that will, in the opinion of the commission, serve to enhance the appearance of the city and its surrounding areas;
- (9) Direct the attention of city officials to needed enforcement of any ordinance that may in any way affect the appearance of the city;
- (10) Seek voluntary adherence to the standards and policies of its plans;
- (11) Enter, in the performance of its official duties and at reasonable times, upon private lands, with the property owner's permission, and make examinations or surveys;
- (12) Promote public interest in and an understanding of its recommendations, studies and plans, and to that end to prepare, publish and distribute to the public such studies and reports as will, in the opinion of the commission, advance the cause of improved municipal appearance;
- (13) Conduct public meetings and hearings, giving reasonable notice to the public thereof.

(Code 1959, § 2-124)

State law reference—Similar provisions, G.S. § 160A-452.

#### Sec. 2-120. Annual report.

The commission shall, no later than April 15 of each year, submit to the city council a written report of its activities, a statement of its expenditures to date for the current fiscal year, and its requested budget for the next fiscal year. All accounts and funds of the commission shall be administered substantially in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Fiscal Control Act.

(Code 1959, § 2-125)

State law reference—Similar provisions, G.S. § 160A-454.

**Sec. 2-121. Advisory council; committees.**

The commission may establish an advisory council when in the judgement of the commission such a council will be an aid to the performance of its duties. However, the commission shall not delegate to such advisory council any of its official powers or duties. In addition, the commission may, from its own membership, establish any temporary or permanent committees needed to assist it in the study of specific questions and problems.

(Code 1959, § 2-126)

**State law reference**—Advisory committees or council authorized, G.S. § 160A-453.

**Sec. 2-122. Staff and technical services.**

The commission may recommend to the city council suitable arrangements for the procurement or provision of staff or technical services for the commission.

(Code 1959, § 2-127)

**State law reference**—Similar provisions, G.S. § 160A-453.

**Sec. 2-123. Funding.**

The commission may receive contributions from private agencies, foundations, organizations, individuals, the state or federal government, or any other source in addition to any sums appropriated for its use by the city council. It may accept and disburse these funds for any purpose within the scope of its authority and as herein specified.

(Code 1959, § 2-128)

**State law reference**—Similar provisions, G.S. § 160A-455.

**Secs. 2-123—2-199. Reserved.****ARTICLE VI. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY****Sec. 2-200. Establishment of authority.**

There is hereby created and established a tourism development authority to provide and develop tourism promotion activities in and for the City of Statesville.

(Ord. No. 30-98, 11-2-98)

**Sec. 2-201. Purposes.**

[The purpose of the authority is] to promote travel and tourism to the City of Statesville by advertising or marketing the Statesville area and activities herein, publishing and distributing pamphlets and other materials, conducting record research or engaging in similar promotional activities that attract tourists or businesses or business travelers to the Statesville area. [Also,] to promote tourism by capital expenditures for tourism related activities and administrative expenditures for the promotion of tourism activities.

(Ord. No. 30-98, 11-2-98)