



Administration

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Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment

Board appointed members serve on both the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment. Individuals are appointed for a 3-year term effective January 1 – December 31.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission (PC) is comprised of 6 members – 5 members of the general public and 1 non-voting member position held by a County Commissioner. This is an advisory position to the County Board concerning comprehensive planning, zoning, subdividing and platting, and other matters of a general planning and zoning nature. The Planning Commission meets the last Tuesday evening generally every month at 5:30 p.m. Site committee member's attendance is required periodically throughout the year usually on a Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Adjustment: The Board of Adjustment (BOA) is comprised of 5 appointed members of the general public. The BOA is vested with the authority as provided for in MN Statutes 394.27. The BOA shall have the exclusive power to hear and decide appeals and variances from the Mower County Zoning Ordinance. BOA meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month when an application is received. Meetings are held at 1:00 pm. in the afternoon.

Members are eligible for per diem and mileage as annually set by the County Board.

Training materials and workshop opportunities will be provided by the County.

Both Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment members may be required to read large amounts of documents or research material. Members also may deal with complex and controversial subjects. Preferred applicants must be respectful of people who may disagree or even criticize you. In all cases a preferred applicant must be fair to everyone and open to new possibilities.

Through this service, civic-minded residents become involved in their local government and make recommendations to the County Board. The County, in turn, benefits from the knowledge, expertise, and experience of residents.

For more information pertaining to the Roles and Responsibilities of the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment please reference the ordinances at <https://www.co.mower.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/3909/ZA-PC-BOA-Duties-and-Roles>