

**ARTICLE K
PLANNING BOARD**

9-3126 Establishment of the Planning Board

A Planning Board is hereby established as provided in Section 160A-361 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. Said Board shall consist of five regular (5) members and two (2) alternate members appointed by the Town Council, for overlapping terms of three (3) years. Initial appointment of the members shall be as follows: one regular (1) member and one (1) alternate member for a term of three (3) years, two regular (2) members and one alternate member for a term of two (2) years, and two regular (2) members for a term of one (1) year. Alternate members of the Planning Board shall be called on to attend only those meetings and hearings at which one or more regular members are absent or are unable to participate in hearing a case because of financial or other interest. Except at the election of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary, at no time shall more than five (5) members participate officially in any meeting or hearing. Any vacancies in the membership shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointments. Members shall serve without pay but may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred while representing the Board. The members appointed to the Board shall be residents and citizens of the Town of Valdese.

9-3127 Proceedings and Duties of the Planning Board

The Planning Board shall elect a chairman and a vice-chairman from its members who shall serve for one (1) year or until re-elected or until their successors are elected. The Board shall appoint a secretary, who may be a municipal officer or an employee of the town. The Planning Board shall adopt rules of procedure in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and in Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. Meetings of the Planning Board shall be held once a month or at the call of the Chairman. All meetings of the Planning Board shall be open to the public.

It shall be the duty of the planning board, in general:

- (1) To acquire and maintain in current form such basic information and materials as are necessary to an understanding of past trends, present conditions and forces at work to cause changes in those conditions;
- (2) To prepare and from time to time amend and revise a comprehensive and coordinated plan for the physical development of the area;
- (3) To establish principles and policies for guiding action in the development of the area;
- (4) To prepare and recommend to the Town Council ordinances providing orderly development along the lines indicated by the comprehensive plan;
- (5) To determine whether specific proposed developments conform to the principles and requirements of the comprehensive plan for the growth and improvement of the area;
- (6) To keep the Town Council and general public informed and advised as to those matters;
- (7) To perform any other duties which may lawfully be assigned to it.

Sections 9-3128 through 9-3130 reserved