

Attachment C: Planning Board Term Limit Research

Town or City	PB Term Limit	Standard	Location of Standards
Belmont	Yes	Planning Board member terms shall be staggered. To allow for staggered terms, three (3) initial appointments will be for terms of three (3) years; three (3) initial appointments will be for terms of two (2) years; and two (2) initial appointments will be for terms of one (1) year. Following the initial appointments, Planning Board terms shall be three (3) years. An appointee to the Planning Board shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms or a CHAPTER 19: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Belmont Land Development Code as Amended 9/2/14 Page 19 - 2 maximum of seven and a half (7.5) years if a member has filled an unexpired term, after which a member must wait three (3) years before being eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring for reasons other than expiration of terms shall be filled as they occur for the period of the unexpired term. The Planning Board shall elect its chair from among its members. The chair shall serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms. An ETJ member may be elected to serve as chair on a basis that is proportional to the number of ETJ members serving on the Board	Zoning Ordinance
Concord	Yes	All members shall serve a term of three (3) years. A member may be reappointed for a second consecutive term. After two (2) consecutive terms, a member shall be ineligible for reappointment until one calendar year has elapsed from the date of termination of the second term.	Zoning Ordinance
Cornelius	Yes	Members can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (terms are 3 years). Then may be eligible or appointment again after at least one year lapse in service. ETJ member is the exception.	Planning Board By-Laws
Davidson	Yes	Members are allowed to serve two consecutive terms. There is no limit on the number of terms over a lifetime that a member may serve; but they must take a break after two consecutive terms. This policy was put in place by an official action by our Board of Commissioners earlier this year. It will be included in our Planning Board by-laws when they are updated for 2017.	Planning Board By-Laws – that will be updated in 2017
Kannapolis	Yes	Planning and Zoning Commission member has a term limit of 3 years. They also cannot serve more than three consecutive terms (or 9 years).	Boards and Commission Policy (effective 2012)
Charlotte	Yes	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commissioner terms are for 3 years. Commissioners can serve 2 three-year terms. However, if a Commissioner is appointed to fill an unexpired term, he or she can complete the unexpired term and then serve their 2 three-year terms. When this occurs, depending on the length of the unexpired term, a Commissioner can serve close to 9 nine years	Unknown at this time, have emailed contact in Charlotte to follow up on information given.
Matthews	Yes	Planning Board members shall be eligible for reappointment for a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms, at which point they would not be eligible for reappointment for at least one (1) year. An appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board will be for the remainder of the unexpired term. Further, all members shall be appointed to terms of two (2) years staggered so that terms overlap.	Zoning Ordinance