

2-1 Planning and Zoning Ordinance

RESOLVED: That the Town of Stafford accept and adopt the State Enabling Legislation, in accordance with Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, relating to zoning, planning and housing.

RESOLVED: There shall be a Planning and Zoning Commission which shall consist of five members, who shall be electors of the Town of Stafford, and who shall be elected as provided by CGS 8-4a, none of whom shall hold any salaried public office or position in the Town of Stafford. The First Selectman shall also be a member of said Commission without voting privileges.

The Commission shall elect a chairman and secretary from its members and shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and shall keep a public record of its activities.

The term for appointed officials shall be until the biennial election of the Town of Stafford in 1963 and they shall be elected thereafter.

The unexpired term of a member shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the remainder of the term of appointment.

Each member may be removed for cause during the term of his appointment. Before removal, charges shall be presented to such member in writing, and he shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard in his own defense.

At the next biennial election in 1963, the Town shall elect five electors of such Town who shall constitute the Planning and Zoning Commission, two of whom shall be elected to serve until the next biennial election, two to serve until the second biennial election from such date. At each biennial election thereafter, the Town shall elect in the same manner as the Town officers are elected, two electors of such Town as members of such Planning and Zoning Commission to serve for six years when two terms end and one elector of such Town as a member of such Planning and Zoning Commission to serve for six years when one term ends.

RESOLVED: That the Town of Stafford empower the Planning and Zoning Commission to prepare and adopt, after public hearings duly held, a comprehensive Planning and Zoning code in accordance with Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended.

RESOLVED: There shall be a Zoning Board of Appeals which shall consist of five regular members and three alternate members. Such alternate members are otherwise referred to as the "Panel of Alternates", and shall, when seated, have all the powers and duties relating to the Zoning Board of Appeals and its members. The regular members and the alternate members of such Zoning Board of Appeals shall be electors and shall not be members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The regular members and the alternate members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The term of the appointed officials shall be until the biennial election for the Town of Stafford in 1963 and they shall be elected thereafter.

Each member may be removed for cause during the term of his appointment. Before removal, charges shall be presented to such member and he shall be given reasonable opportunity to be heard in his own defense.

Any vacancy in such Board, including any vacancy in the Panel of Alternates shall be filled for the remainder of the term of appointment by the Board of Selectmen.

Such Board, by vote of its regular members shall elect a chairman from among its members and all meetings of such Board shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such other times as the Board determines and shall be open to the public. Such chairman, or in his absence, the acting chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member, when seated, upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote indicating such fact; and shall also keep such records of its examinations and other official acts.

At the biennial election of 1963, the Town shall elect five electors of such Town who shall constitute the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town shall elect three electors of such Town who shall constitute the Panel of Alternates.

Two of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be elected to serve until the next biennial election, two of said Board to serve until the second biennial election from such date and one of said Board to serve until the third biennial election from such date. One of the Panel of Alternates shall be elected to serve until the next biennial election, one of said Panel to serve until the second biennial election from such date and one of said Panel to serve until the third biennial election from such date. At each biennial election thereafter the Town shall elect, in the same manner as Town Officers are elected, two electors of such Town as members of such Zoning Board of Appeals to serve for six years when two terms end and one elector of such Town as a member of such Zoning Board of Appeals to serve for six years when one term ends; and one elector of such Town as a member of such Panel of Alternates to serve for six years.

Date: June 14, 1961