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Sec. 106-3291. - Appointment.

An 11-member county rural and critical lands preservation board shall be appointed by the county council. One member shall be appointed from each of the 11 county council districts.

(Ord. No. 2006/2, 1-9-2006)

Sec. 106-3292. - Officers.

The county rural and critical lands preservation board shall elect annually one member of the board to serve as chairman and one member to serve as vice chairman.

(Ord. No. 2006/2, 1-9-2006)

Cross reference— Officers and employees, § 2-56 et seq.

Sec. 106-3293. - Terms.

The terms of the initial appointees to the county rural and critical lands preservation board shall coincide with the expiration of the term of the county council district representative who serves the district which the appointee has been selected to represent. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed for four-year terms. A vacancy in the membership must be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment. The membership is subject to division 1 of article V of [chapter 2](#) of this Code regulating boards and commissions and appointments thereto as well as the county template ordinance.

(Ord. No. 2006/2, 1-9-2006)

Sec. 106-3294. - Compensation.

Members of the county rural and critical lands preservation board shall serve without salary, but the county council shall entitle each member to reimbursement for his actual and necessary mileage expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties.

(Ord. No. 2006/2, 1-9-2006)

Sec. 106-3295. - Conflicts of interest.

No member of the county rural and critical lands preservation board shall be disqualified by reason of his membership from selling any parcel or the development rights of any parcel in which he has a financial interest, but any member with a direct or indirect financial interest in such parcel shall recuse himself from any board vote, discussion, or decision regarding such parcel.

(Ord. No. 2006/2, 1-9-2006)

Sec. 106-3296. - Rules of procedure.

The county rural and critical lands preservation board shall promulgate procedures necessary to promote the efficient, uniform, and countywide administration of this article.

(Ord. No. 2006/2, 1-9-2006)

Sec. 106-3297. - Powers and duties.

The county rural and critical lands preservation board shall have, but is not limited to, the following powers and duties:

- (1) Develop and recommend to county council, for adoption by resolution, a set of Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program Policies and Guidelines to guide the identification, prioritization, and management of parcels to be acquired through the county rural and critical [lands] preservation program. The board may make recommendations to county council for amendments to the policies and guidelines as the need arises;
- (2) Identify, prioritize and recommend to county council rural and critical lands to be acquired through purchase of development rights, the option to purchase development rights, the fee simple purchase of property, or the exchange and transfer of title to parcels, as provided for in the county council's adopted Beaufort County Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Program Policies and Guidelines;
- (3) Promote, educate and encourage landowners to participate in the county rural and critical lands preservation program; and
- (4) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by county council.

(Ord. No. 2006/2, 1-9-2006)

Cross reference— Administration, ch. 2.

FOOTNOTE(S):

⁽⁹³⁾ *Cross reference— Boards and commissions, § 2-191 et seq. [\(Back\)](#)*