



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: March 28, 2023

Title of Item: Amendment to Zoning Ordinance-Membership to PC/BOA

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
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Submitted by: Andrew Carlstrom	Department: Environmental Services
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Presenter (Name and Title): Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director	Estimated Time Needed: 5 Minutes
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Summary of Issue:

In accordance with MN Statutes 394.25 and during the Public Hearing of March 20, 2023 before the Aitkin County Planning Commission, the commission voted unanimously to amend Section 9.02 and Section 10.01 of the Aitkin County General Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment requires members of the Aitkin County Planning Commission and the Board of Adjustment to reside annually on homesteaded property within the boundaries of Aitkin County. Two of six neighboring counties surveyed have codified language that require members of these appointed land use commissions to reside within their counties.

The date of the public hearing was published in the Aitkin Age on March 1, 2023. According to Rule 11, Ordinances and Procedures of the Board of Commissioners Meeting Procedures and Rules of Business, a first reading only shall be held today and a second reading requesting Board action be held on April 11, 2023.

Please see attached proposed amendment and resolution for your review only.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Alternative is not to sign the resolution in support of requiring members of the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment to reside annually on homesteaded property within the boundaries of Aitkin County.

Recommended Action/Motion:

No action requested at this time. Only discussion.

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2023

TO: Aitkin County Planning Commission

FROM: Andrew Carlstrom, Director of Environmental Services/Planning & Zoning

RE: Amendment to Section 9 & 10 of General Zoning Ordinance

In accordance with Aitkin County General Zoning Ordinance Section 9.07 and MN Statute, Chapter 394, ordinance amendments are heard before the Aitkin County Planning Commission, and decided upon as to whether the proposed amendments should be considered by the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners. The date this public hearing was published in the Aitkin Age was on March 1, 2023 and according to Rule 11 of the Board of Commissioners Meeting Procedures and Rules of Business, this proposed amendment will be considered at two regular sessions of the County Board. Our county internal Ordinance Committee has reviewed and discussed this proposed amendment on January 24 and February 14, 2023, and recommended that it be brought before the Planning Commission.

In accordance with the Aitkin County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and in order to protect the integrity, “sense of community”, and strive for increased resident input on policy issues, a proposed amendment has been submitted to change Section 9.02 and Section 10.01 of the General Zoning Ordinance. The proposed amendment would require members of the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment to reside annually on homesteaded property within the boundaries of Aitkin County. Two of six neighboring counties surveyed (Itasca and Morrison) currently have requirements and codified language that members of these appointed land use commissions, shall reside within their respective counties.

CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

PROPOSED April 11, 2023

By Commissioner:

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Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance Amendment of membership requirements to Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment

WHEREAS, Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance currently does not require all members of the Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment to reside annually on homesteaded property within the boundaries of Aitkin County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and in order to protect the integrity, “sense of community”, and strive for increased resident input on policy issues;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the amendments to Section 9.02 and Section 10.01 of Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance

FOUR MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 11th day of April 2023 and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of April 2023

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator