

ARTICLE 16. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

SECTION 18.351 CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP

- A. **Creation.** There is hereby established a Zoning Board of Appeals, which shall perform its duties and exercise its powers as provided in Act No. 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended.
- B. **Membership.** The Zoning Board of Appeals shall be composed of five (5) members. The Board shall be appointed by the Township Board and shall be composed of the following five (5) members whose terms shall be as stated:
1. One (1) shall be a member of the Township Planning Commission.
 2. The remaining regular members shall be selected or appointed by the Township Board from the electors residing in the unincorporated areas of the Township provided that no elected officer of the township, nor any employee of the township board, may serve simultaneously as an additional member.
 3. An employee or contractor of the Township shall not serve as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- C. **Alternate Members.** Two (2) alternate members may be appointed for the same term as regular members of the ZBA. Alternate members may be called on a rotating basis to sit as regular members in the absence of a regular member if the regular member will be unable to attend one (1) or more meetings. An alternate member may also be called to serve in the place of a regular member for the purpose of reaching a decision on a case in which the regular member has abstained for reasons of a conflict of interest. The alternate member having been appointed shall serve in the case until a final decision has been made. The alternate member shall have the same voting rights as a regular member of the board of appeals.
- D. **Terms of Office.**
1. The member of the Planning Commission shall serve three (3) year terms, except that such terms shall be concurrent with service on the Planning Commission.
 2. The additional members shall serve for three (3) year terms.
 3. Should a vacancy occur, a successor shall be appointed not more than one (1) month after the vacancy has occurred. All such vacancies or unexpired terms shall be filled for the remainder of the term of the member being succeeded.
- E. **Removal.** A member of the Zoning Board of Appeals may be removed by the Township Board for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office upon written charges and after public hearing by the Township Board.