

ARTICLE VI--BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

SECTION 6.01 BUDGET COMMISSION.

The Budget Commission shall consist of the County Executive, the Fiscal Officer and the Prosecuting Attorney. Members of the Budget Commission may appoint deputies to serve on their behalf. The Budget Commission shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of a county budget commission as prescribed by general law.

[Effective January 1, 2010]

SECTION 6.02 BOARD OF REVISION.

(1) The County shall have a single Board of Revision, consisting of three members, which shall perform all powers and duties of county boards of revision under general law and such other powers and duties not inconsistent therewith as provided herein or by ordinance. As of the effective date of this provision, the Board shall consist of the County Executive, one appointee of the Council President, and, at the choice of the County Executive, either the Fiscal Officer or Treasurer.

- (a) At the choice of the Council President, the Council President's appointee may either be a member of Council or any other elector of the County. The term of the Council President's first appointee shall be from the effective date of this provision until January 4, 2016. The term of subsequent appointees shall be for a period of two years commencing on the fifth day of January and every two years thereafter.
- (b) If a vacancy occurs in the Council President's appointee position, the Council President shall appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term.
- (c) The Council President's appointee shall not belong to the same political party as the County Executive at the time of the appointment.

(2) The Board shall elect a chairperson, a secretary, and other officers as it deems appropriate at its organizational meetings.

(3) The Board shall have the power to set the hearing schedule for matters before it, and to make and amend its own internal operating rules, procedures, and regulations.

(4) The Board may employ administrative staff, including an administrator, as it deems necessary, to assist it in the performance of its powers and duties. All employees of the Board shall be unclassified employees.

(5) The Board shall employ or otherwise engage individuals to serve on one or more three-member hearing panels to hear complaints as to the value of real property and to perform other duties assigned to them by the Board. The individuals serving on hearing panels shall be electors of the County; shall serve at the pleasure of the Board; and shall abide by the Board's hearing schedule, rules, procedures, and regulations in performing their duties.

(6) The Board shall establish merit qualifications for the individuals serving on hearing panels as it deems necessary for them to perform their duties. In establishing the merit qualifications, the Board shall strive to employ or otherwise engage highly qualified individuals to elevate the citizens' trust in the system.

(7) The Board may not itself hear complaints related to the valuation of real property, and no member of the Board may serve on any of the hearing panels. The decisions of the hearing panels relating to real property valuation complaints shall constitute the final decisions of the Board and shall not be subject to further review by the Board itself.

(8) No member of the Board or any of the hearing panels may have any ex parte communications with any party, elected officials, county employees, or any other person regarding the merits of a pending matter before the panel. The Board shall enact and publish additional rules, procedures, or regulations to ensure that the system is administered fairly, including rules, procedures, or regulations governing conflicts of interest.

(9) The Board may utilize any boards of revision or hearing panels in existence as of the effective date of this provision as hearing panels to avoid any interruption of services.

[Effective January 1, 2010; Article VI, Section 6.02 amended by the electors on November 5, 2013]

SECTION 6.03 OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Any board or commission of the County and any joint board or commission in which the County is a participant that is in existence when this Charter becomes effective, but not provided for in this Charter, shall continue to exist until reorganized or discontinued by action of Council, unless its continuance is required by general law.

[Effective January 1, 2010]

SECTION 6.04 SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

When general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council.

[Effective January 1, 2010]