

**PLANNING BOARD ORDINANCE  
TURNER, MAINE**

**1. Establishment**

Pursuant to Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution and Title 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001, the Town of Turner hereby establishes the Turner Planning Board.

**2. Appointment**

- A. Board members shall be appointed by the municipal officers and sworn by the clerk or other person authorized to administer oaths.
- B. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members with a quorum consisting of four (4) members.
- C. The term of each member shall be three years. Terms shall run from July 1st through June 30.
- D. When there is a permanent vacancy, the municipal officers shall, within 30 days of its occurrence, appoint a person to serve for the unexpired term. A vacancy shall occur upon the resignation, including resignation by absence, or death of any member, or when a member ceases to be legal resident of the town. The municipal officers may remove members of the Planning Board by unanimous vote, for cause, after notice and hearing.
- E. A municipal officer may not be a member.
- F. All members shall be legal residents of the Town of Turner.

**3. Organization and Rules**

- A. The Board shall elect a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary and fill such other offices as it may deem necessary. The term of office shall be for one year with eligibility for re-election with elections held in July.
- B. Any question of whether a member shall be disqualified from voting shall be decided by a majority vote of the members except the member who is being challenged.
- C. The Chairman shall call at least one regular meeting of the Board each month.
- D. No meeting of the Board shall be held without a quorum consisting of four (4) members. The Board shall act by majority vote, calculated on the basis of the majority of the Board present and voting.

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- E. The Board shall adopt rules or bylaws for transition of business and the secretary shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, correspondence, findings and determinations. All records shall be deemed public and may be inspected at reasonable times.

4. **Duties and Powers**

- A. The Board shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as are provided by town ordinances and the laws of the State of Maine.
- B. The Board shall submit an annual report to be included in the annual town report.
- C. The Board, together with the municipal officers, is authorized to contract with federal, state and private agencies to obtain goods and services necessary to its proper function.

5. **Repeal of Existing Planning Board**

Adoption of this Ordinance shall repeal any and all previous Planning Board Ordinances.

6. **Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective when enacted by the legislative body of the Town of Turner.

7. **Validity and Severability**

Should any action or provision of this Ordinance be declared by any court to be invalid, such decision shall not invalidate any other provision of this Ordinance.

8. **Amendments**

This Ordinance shall be amended in accordance with procedures specified in Title 30-A MRSA Section 3002 at any Town Meeting.