

SUMMARY

ARTICLE 2 – DECISION MAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

The purpose of this Article is to set forth the powers and duties of all those decision-making bodies involved with implementation of the Zoning Code all in one place, including administrative support. It is also the purpose to describe membership and other related functions of decision makers in as uniform a fashion as possible.

All Boards:

- Existing methods of appointment retained
- Ownership of property requirement for appointment eliminated for legal reasons
- Suggest 5 year residency requirement be modified for legal reasons
- Clarification of voting issues as needed
- Standard term limit of eight (8) consecutive years
- All members of boards serve at the pleasure of the City Commission so that removal is not "for cause" (as is the case in HPB provisions now)

Board of Architects

- Comments received that the terms and other issues should more closely mirror those of other boards: so changed eighteen (18) month term to two (2) years
- Existing panel structure modified and qualifications slightly changed
- Number of board meetings reduced due to explicit delegation of authority to City Architect and Department of Building and Zoning in Article 3
- Panel structure continued for those applicants who waive their right to a quasi-judicial hearing; applicants may request to go to full Board if unsatisfied with a panel decision.
- Excused absences increased over other boards (due to number of meetings)
- Existing qualifications in the code regarding nonresidents being able to be appointed if they operate their business in Coral Gables continued

Addition of City Architect and Development Review Official (with the possibility of the City Manager appointing more than one)

Modification to the Development Review Committee: conversion to a non-decisionmaking role: recommend to DRO who makes the decision (or makes the recommendation to the decisionmaking body) and coordinates the various departments and their comments