

Town Advisory Boards

NRS 269.576 County whose population is 400,000 or more: Appointment or election; terms; chair; removal; notice of expiration of term or vacancy; duties; compensation.

1. Except as appointment may be deferred pursuant to [NRS 269.563](#), the board of county commissioners of any county whose population is 400,000 or more shall, in each ordinance which establishes an unincorporated town pursuant to [NRS 269.500](#) to [269.625](#), inclusive, provide for:

(a) Appointment by the board of county commissioners or the election by the registered voters of the unincorporated town of three or five qualified electors who are residents of the unincorporated town to serve as the town advisory board. If the ordinance provides for appointment by the board of county commissioners, in making such appointments, the board of county commissioners shall consider:

(1) The results of any poll conducted by the town advisory board; and

(2) Any application submitted to the board of county commissioners by persons who desire to be appointed to the town advisory board in response to an announcement made by the town advisory board.

(b) A term of 2 years for members of the town advisory board.

(c) Election of a chair from among the members of the town advisory board for a term of 2 years, and, if a vacancy occurs in the office of chair, for the election of a chair from among the members for the remainder of the unexpired term. The ordinance must also provide that a chair is not eligible to succeed himself or herself for a term of office as chair.

2. The members of a town advisory board serve at the pleasure of the board of county commissioners. If a member is removed, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a new member to serve out the remainder of the unexpired term of the member who was removed.

3. The board of county commissioners shall provide notice of the expiration of the term of a member of and any vacancy on a town advisory board to the residents of the unincorporated town by mail, newsletter or newspaper at least 30 days before the expiration of the term or filling the vacancy.

4. The duties of the town advisory board are to:

(a) Assist the board of county commissioners in governing the unincorporated town by acting as liaison between the residents of the town and the board of county commissioners; and

(b) Advise the board of county commissioners on matters of importance to the unincorporated town and its residents.

5. The board of county commissioners may provide by ordinance for compensation for the members of the town advisory board.

(Added to NRS by 1983, 1128; A 1989, 1914; 1995, 2178; [2001, 1688](#); [2003, 1509](#))

NRS 269.577 County whose population is less than 400,000: Appointment or election of members; removal; compensation; duties.

1. The board of county commissioners of any county whose population is less than 400,000 shall, in each ordinance which establishes an unincorporated town pursuant to [NRS 269.500](#) to [269.625](#), inclusive, provide for:

(a) The appointment by the board of county commissioners or the election by the people of three or five qualified electors who are residents of the unincorporated town to serve as the town advisory board.

(b) The removal of a member of the town advisory board if the board of county commissioners finds that the removal of the member is in the best interest of the residents of the unincorporated town, and for appointment of a member to serve the unexpired term of the member so removed.

2. The board of county commissioners may provide by ordinance for compensation for the members of the town advisory board.

3. The duties of the town advisory board are to:

(a) Assist the board of county commissioners in governing the unincorporated town by acting as liaison between the residents of the town and the board of county commissioners; and

(b) Advise the board of county commissioners on matters of importance to the unincorporated town and its residents.

(Added to NRS by 1979, 1166; A 1981, 1784; 1983, 1127; 1989, 1915)

NRS 269.578 County whose population is less than 400,000: Terms of members.

1. The board of county commissioners of any county whose population is less than 400,000 shall appoint members for an appointive town advisory board which is created after June 30, 1983, to initial terms as follows:

(a) For a three-member board:

(1) One member for a term of no more than 1 year; and

(2) Two members for terms of more than 1 year but no more than 2 years.

↪ Each term must end on the first Monday in January of the appropriate year.

(b) For a five-member board:

(1) Two members for terms of no more than 1 year; and

(2) Three members for terms of more than 1 year but no more than 2 years.

↪ Each term must end on the first Monday in January of the appropriate year.

2. As the initial terms expire, the board of county commissioners shall appoint members for terms of 2 years thereafter.

3. If the town board is made elective after June 30, 1983, the ordinance creating it must provide for the division of the first elected board by lot into two classes whose terms will correspond to those provided in subsection 1.

(Added to NRS by 1983, 1128; A 1989, 1915)

NRS 269.579 Mandatory training for members. Each member of a town advisory board shall, at least once during the first year of the member's initial term of office and at least once during every subsequent year that the member serves in office, attend training relating to:

1. State statutes and regulations and local ordinances, resolutions and regulations concerning land use planning, development and any other subject matter that the board of county commissioners deems necessary; and
 2. The provisions of [chapter 241](#) of NRS.
- (Added to NRS by [2001, 1688](#))

NRS 269.580 Management of designated services. The board of county commissioners of any county may, by resolution adopted at a regular meeting, designate any one or more of the services enumerated in [NRS 269.575](#) as properly within the power of a town advisory board to manage.

(Added to NRS by 1975, 1348)

NRS 269.585 Notice and information to be provided to town advisory board. The board of county commissioners shall consult with each town advisory board on matters relating to such town and shall give advance notice to the town advisory board concerning items relating to that town which will be on the board's agenda. The board shall notify town advisory boards of special projects or improvements pending and relating to such town and shall provide information thereon. Such information shall cover but shall not be limited to commencement dates, completion dates and the scope of the work to be performed or the extent of the services to be supplied.

(Added to NRS by 1975, 1348)

NRS 269.590 Participation in budget and ordinances for town.

1. The board shall:
 - (a) Solicit the advice of the town advisory board in the preparation of the tentative budget for the town affected.
 - (b) Allow towns to recommend their own ordinances and codes. If the subject matter covered is the subject of an existing county ordinance, the town ordinance may not be less stringent than the county ordinance.
 2. The board may allow town advisory boards to control any expenditures which are a part of a county-approved budget.
- (Added to NRS by 1975, 1348)

NRS 269.595 Control of unappropriated money. Any nonappropriated funds available for town purposes may be expended at the discretion of the town advisory board.

(Added to NRS by 1975, 1349)

NRS 269.600 Bylaws for internal governance. Each town advisory board shall establish bylaws for town meetings and other matters of internal governance.

(Added to NRS by 1975, 1349)