

CHAPTER IX

Groundwater Advisory Committee

SECTION I GROUNDWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- (A) A seven member citizens advisory committee shall be established with representatives of the following categories:
1. public – 2 members (individuals to be Owners of a well);
 2. industry, manufacturing, or commercial – 1 member (individual to be employed full time in the management and/or operation of industrial, manufacturing, or commercial property that is the Owner of a well);
 3. environmental consultant – 1 member (individual to be employed full time in providing environmental consulting services to owners of groundwater wells);
 4. health professional – 1 member (individual to receive a recommendation from the Health Committee of the Human Services Council by the Mecklenburg Board of Commissioners);
 5. realtor or developer or land development design professional – 1 member (individual to be employed full time as a Realtor or in land development or the design of building or land improvements);
 6. well contractor or pump installer – 1 member (individual to be employed full time as a well contractor or pump installer);
- (B) The members shall be appointed by the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
- (C) The members will serve staggered three year terms. No member may be appointed to more than two full or partial terms. Any member who fails to attend at least seventy-five percent of the regular and special meetings of the Committee during any calendar year shall be automatically removed from the Committee. The Committee shall select a Chairperson each year as provided in the rule of procedure adopted by the committee from its own members by majority vote. Each member will continue to serve until 1) his or her term has expired and a successor has been appointed; 2) his or her resignation; or

3) his or her removal. If a vacancy on the Committee occurs resulting from resignation or removal, a Person will be appointed to complete the unexpired term associated with such vacant position in the same manner as such position was originally filled. The successor must represent the same category.

(D) A majority of the membership constitutes a quorum. Every action of the Committee requires the concurring votes of the majority present. The Committee may adopt its own rules of procedure which may not be inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. The responsibilities of the Advisory Committee shall be as follows:

1. Policy. Review and recommend to the Board of County Commissioners groundwater management policies, policy changes, long-range plans, and their budgetary and rate impacts. Hear requests for changes from County staffs and from private parties, and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters: the application, modification and enforcement of groundwater policies. These policies should be reviewed and evaluated on the basis of a comprehensive groundwater management program in Mecklenburg County.
2. Operations Program. Review and comment to the Board of County Commissioners on the annual operating budget for their respective service charge areas including but not limited to public education activities and customer service.
3. Groundwater Appeals. Hear appeals and reach decisions on: denial, modifications, revocation or issuance of well permits and notices of violations. Hear requests for changes from County staffs and from private parties, and make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the following matters: the application, modification and enforcement of groundwater policies. These policies should be reviewed and evaluated on the basis of a comprehensive groundwater management program in Mecklenburg County.
4. Variations. Hear appeals from the granting or denial of variations by the Director, and grant variations when appropriate.
5. Councils, Commissions, and Staff Resource. Respond to the Board of County Commissioners and staff requests for advice on matters related to the comprehensive groundwater management program in Mecklenburg County.

6. Reporting. Present the Board of County Commissioners with an annual report of key actions and issues.