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**Sec. 8-7. - Membership; qualifications; membership term limits.**

- (a) Each regular member shall have equal voting strength in their respective board or commission and shall be authorized to attend, participate in, and vote at their respective board meetings.
- (b) All voting members shall be residents, at least 18 years of age, of the County of Los Alamos, unless otherwise specified by the county council or by other specific provisions of this chapter. Any regular member of a board or commission who shall change his personal residence to an address outside Los Alamos County shall cease to be a member of the board or commission and his seat shall automatically be deemed vacated as of the date on which he ceased to be a resident of Los Alamos County unless otherwise specified by the county council.
- (c) No member may be appointed to serve on the same advisory board, commission or committee for more than two full terms in succession. Serving less than one-half of a board or commission term does not count as a full term. After serving two full terms in succession, a former board or commission member must wait one full year before serving again on the same board or commission.
- (d) Membership of a board or commission shall be broadly representative of the county citizenship.
- (e) County councilors or county employees shall not serve as voting members of standing boards or commissions or board or commission sub-committees.
- (f) No board or commission shall have more than a simple majority of members registered in the same political party, as stipulated in article 905.2 of the County Charter unless otherwise provided by law.
- (g) A member shall not be appointed to serve concurrently on more than one board or commission except as expressly acknowledged in the motion at the time the appointment is approved by council.
- (h) Upon expiration of the term of a board or commission member, the council shall appoint or reappoint a member for a full term from the date of expiration of the original term, provided, however that no member shall be re-appointed to serve more than two successive full terms.
- (i) Except as otherwise provided by law, all members of county boards or commissions shall serve without pay and shall be authorized to serve after their first term expires until their successors take office. Nothing herein shall permit a member to continue service beyond the two full term limit.
- (j) Each board or commission shall have at least one nonvoting (ex officio) staff member who shall represent the county administrator. That representative will generally be the director of the relevant department, a division manager or designee, or may be a representative of the county administrator's office.
- (k) Each regular member of a board or commission is encouraged to become knowledgeable on topics related to their board or commission's scope of assigned duties and responsibilities and to attend training sessions provided to the board or commission.