

Appeals (the “Board”), which shall consist of seven members and two alternates plus one non-voting ex-officio member as provided herein, all of whom shall be residents of Lowndes County.

6.2 MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS

6.2.1 MEMBERSHIP. The Board shall consist of seven members. Such Board members shall be composed of individuals with knowledge and experience in the Construction Codes, such as design professionals, contractors or building industry representatives. The Governing Authority shall appoint 7 members, one of whom shall be from the plumbing industry, one of whom shall be a professional engineer, one of whom shall be from the mechanical construction industry, one of whom shall be a licensed architect, one of whom shall be a licensed electrician, and one of whom shall be a licensed residential contractor. The final member shall be a licensed general contractor. In addition to the regular members, the Governing Authority shall appoint two alternate members, one member at large from the building industry and one member at large from the public. Plus, one elected official from the Governing Authority shall be appointed by the Governing Authority as a non-voting member. None of the Board members shall hold any other public office of any city or Lowndes County or be an employee of any city or Lowndes County with the exception of the one non-voting member who is an elected official of Governing Authority.

6.2.2 TERMS. In making its initial appointments, the Governing Authority shall designate the initial general contractor appointee and two other appointees to serve terms to expire June 30, 2026, two appointees to serve terms to expire June 30, 2025, and two appointees to serve terms to expire June 30, 2024. Thereafter, each member shall be appointed to serve a term of three (3) years with the term of each member to expire June 30 of the applicable year. The alternates shall serve one-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the manner in which original appointments are required to be made. Continued periodic absence of any member from required meetings of the Board shall, at the discretion of the Governing Authority, render any such member subject to immediate removal from office. If any member misses three (3) consecutive meetings, he shall automatically be deemed removed and a new member appointed to take his place for the remainder of the removed member’s unexpired term.

6.2.3 QUORUM AND VOTING. A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum. In varying any provision of the Construction Codes, the affirmative votes of the majority present shall be required. In modifying a decision of the Building Official, not less than two affirmative votes shall be required. In the event that regular members are unable to attend a meeting, the alternate members, if appointed, shall vote.

6.2.4 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. A Board member shall not act in a case in which he has a personal or financial interest. If a Board member has any interest in any matter which may result in a gain or loss to that Board member or to his immediate family by blood or by marriage, such member shall not participate in the consideration, discussion, questioning and voting on that particular matter before the Board, nor shall the member take any action which may influence the vote of any other member. If the Chairman has a conflict of interest, the