

**CHAPTER 15. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**ARTICLE 1. IN GENERAL**  
**SECTION 15-6. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY LIFE COMMITTEE**

**Housing and Community Life committee**

The city Housing and Community Life committee is hereby created as an advisory committee to the city council. The housing and community life committee shall consist Resident Seats and Interest Area Seats, and have at least eight voting members and no more than sixteen members. One person may simultaneously fill both a Resident Seat and an Interest Area Seat.

<b>Resident Seats</b>	<b>Seat Requirements</b>
Government-assisted (Non-Market Rate) Housing Resident	Must reside in government-assisted (non-market rate housing) within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 101 <i>or Bishop Branch voting precinct 03</i> )	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 102)	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 103)	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 104)	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 105)	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 106)	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 107)	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.
Homeowner or Tenant (voting precinct 108)	Must own or rent a residential property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary residence.

<b>Interest Area Seats</b>	<b>Seat Requirements</b>
Affordable Housing Advocate	Must have demonstrated knowledge of or experience in affordable housing. Preference given to Applicants that live within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson.

Non-Profit Housing Provider/Professional	Must have professional experience in providing or supporting non-profit housing options within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson. Preference given to Applicants that live within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson.
Professional architect/builder/ developer or	Must have professional experience in providing or supporting for-profit housing options within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson. Preference given to Applicants that live within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson.
Real Estate Broker	Must facilitate the buying and selling of property within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson as their primary professional responsibility. Must also live within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson.
Housing, Planning or Public Policy Expert	Must have professional experience or education in housing, planning or public policy. Preference given to applicants that live within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson.
Student Housing Provider/Professional	Must have experience providing student housing rental properties within the city limits of Clemson. Preference given to Applicants that live within the municipal limits of the City of Clemson.

Preference is given to applicants who represent at least one of the Housing Advisory Board interest areas in addition to the Resident Seat requirements. At least 5 of the 8 voting precincts must be represented. The seat follows the precinct, not the person. If a member moves from a designated precinct they can no longer serve as that district's representative and the seat will need to be filled.

All voting members shall be appointed by the mayor and city council, with terms that shall be staggered with three-year, two-year and one-year appointments, with the first-year appointments determined by drawing lots for terms. Thereafter, terms of appointment shall be for a three-year period. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by the mayor and city council, who will also have the authority to remove any member. All members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in connection with their official duties.

Non-voting, ex-officio members will include a representative from Clemson University Housing; a representative of Tri-County Technical College Housing; a representative of Southern Wesleyan University; Housing; a representative of Pickens County School District; a representative from Duke Energy; a representative from the City Planning office; and a member of the city council.

The community life and housing committee shall elect its chairman and secretary from its members. The term of the above mentioned officers will be one year, with the opportunity for reelection. The community life and housing committee shall conduct its meetings in

accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and shall comply with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. Code 1976, § 30-4-10 et seq.

The mission of the community life and housing committee shall be to study, report, and make recommendations to the city council in an effort to promote quality of life for all residents of the Clemson community and assist the Clemson City Council in promoting and developing a full spectrum of housing opportunities that meet the needs of the Clemson community. This could include the following issues:

- Rental housing, including the accessibility, affordability, and quality of rental housing, tenant's rights, and such other matters.
- Issues impacting Clemson's most vulnerable communities, including immigrant and elderly communities.
- Issues related to the college and graduate student populations of local institutions of higher education.
- Maintaining and increasing diversity and celebrating the importance of diversity in Clemson.

The committee is also charged with serving as a means of engaging in community outreach and receiving community input on the above-subject matter in a manner consistent with the diversity, accessibility, and sustainability goals of the City and in conjunction with all appropriate Commissions, as necessary, to achieve such goals.