

Charter considerations for the Planning Commission:

This commission has clearly acknowledged a tendency towards a “least restrictive” Charter that will allow the Town of Keystone to grow and evolve without being crippled by an outdated, restrictive Charter. However, there are specific accommodations noted in other Charters that should be considered, especially in relation to the provisions for the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Land use and development was/is a primary consideration in Keystone that prompted the incorporation effort.

Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Serves as a policy advisory board
- Assists in the drafting of zoning ordinance and amendments
- Reviews conditional use applications
- Reviews real estate development proposals for compliance with Town Code

Term Limits

Membership on Commission

- restrict mayor/town employee
- restrict number of Town Council members
- specify proportion of residents/electors to others
- specify length of residency
- permit advisory positions (nonvoting)
- specify size of the Commission

A sample of similar mountain resort communities makes the following provisions for the Planning and Zoning Commission in their Charters.

Restricts commission membership of nonresidents:

- Vail: Members of the planning and environmental commission shall be residents of the town of Vail and registered electors
- Frisco: Commissioners must reside in the Town of Frisco
- Silverthorne: The Council shall establish residency requirements, if any, for members of the other boards or commissions.
- Silverthorne: registered elector in the Town for one year
- Steamboat: Members shall reside in the City and if any member ceases to reside in the City his membership shall immediately terminate.
- Telluride: only registered electors of the Town of Telluride shall be **voting members** of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, and the Historic and Architectural Review Commission (amended 4/86 & 11/21)
- Dillon: No more than two (2) members of the Planning and Zoning may be non-residents of the Town.
- Winter Park: At least five of the seven members shall be residents

- Snowmass: All members of all boards and commissions **except those specifically designated as "advisory"** shall be residents and registered voters of the Town.

Provisions related to the mayor and town employees serving on commission

- Winter Park: neither the mayor nor any town employee shall serve on any such board or commission
- Telluride: Town employees may only serve as a nonvoting member
- Steamboat: no city employee and no Council Member shall be appointed to a board or commission except as an exofficio, nonvoting member
- Dillon: Neither the Mayor nor any Town Employee shall serve on any such board or commission.
- Snowmass: No Town officer or elected official shall serve on any permanent board or commission.

Specifies term limits:

- Vail: 2 years on an overlapping basis
- Winter Park: shall not exceed four years (overlapping)
- Steamboat: Commission shall be appointed for a three-year term on a staggered basis.
- Telluride: no term shall be longer than four years
- Snowmass: Initial appointments shall specify the term of office of each individual in order to achieve overlapping terms. Thereafter, the term of office shall not exceed three (3) years.

Population:

Keystone: 1,300

Telluride: 2,607

Steamboat: 13,224

Vail: 4,835

Silverthorne: 4,402

Frisco: 2,913

Dillon: 1,064

Snowmass: 1,192

Town	Resident Voting Member	Non-Resident Membership	Non-Resident Advisory (no vote)	Term Limits	Restrict Mayor/TC/ Employee
Vail	X			2 years	
Silverthorne	X			4 years	
Frisco	X				
Steamboat	X			3 years	TC/E (advisory)
Telluride	X		X	4 years	E
Snowmass	X		X	3 years	TC/E
Dillon		Limit 2 members			M/E
Winter Park	5 of 7 members	2 of 7 members			M/E

Note: These are only restrictions specified in the Charters, ordinances may have additional specifications.