



Legislation Text

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Evaluation of Boards and Commissions

PURPOSE: This item is for the council to review the number and composition of the Town's advisory boards and commissions for consideration of restructuring and consolidation.

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager's Office and Town Clerk's Office

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INFORMATION: During the closed session on November 29, 2023, town council expressed an interest in pursuing the consolidation of some of the town's advisory boards and commissions to address efficiencies. Currently the town has fourteen advisory boards/commissions, two committees, and one task force. Almost all boards have vacant seats; some have vacancies so extensive that they cannot meet quorum to conduct business. Attracting and keeping engaged volunteers has been increasingly challenging. Of the 133 seats on boards/commissions, 43% are vacant; 9 of the 16 boards/commissions have vacancy rates at 40% or higher. There is an increased trend of board vacancies that reflects the continued difficulty to fill the seats of the various advisory boards of Carrboro.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Town Council discuss the possible advisory board consolidations and provide feedback and guidance to staff