

Sec. 2-165. - Powers and duties.

The commission, upon its appointment, shall make careful study of the visual problems and needs of the Foxfire Village and the extraterritorial area of zoning jurisdiction and shall make any plans and carry out any programs that will, in accordance with the powers herein granted, enhance and improve the visual quality and aesthetic characteristics of the Foxfire Village and its extraterritorial zoning area. To this end, the Foxfire Village Council confers upon the appearance commission the following powers and duties, pursuant to G.S. § 160A-452:

- (1) To initiate, promote and assist in the implementation of programs of general community beautification in the Foxfire Village and extraterritorial area.
- (2) To make studies of the visual characteristics and problems of the Foxfire Village and extraterritorial area, including surveys and inventories of an appropriate nature, and to recommend standards and policies of design for the entire area, any portion or neighborhood thereof, or any project to be undertaken.
- (3) To prepare both general and specific plans for the improved appearance of the Foxfire Village and extraterritorial area. These plans may include the entire area or any part thereof, and may include private as well as public property. The plans shall set forth desirable standards and goals for the aesthetic enhancement of the Foxfire Village and extraterritorial area or any part thereof, including public ways and areas, open spaces, and public and private buildings and projects;
- (4) To request from proper officials of any public agency or body, including agencies of the state and its political subdivisions, its plans for public buildings, facilities, or projects to be located within Foxfire Village's planning and zoning area of jurisdiction; and to review these plans and to make recommendations regarding their aesthetic suitability to the appropriate public agency, and to the Foxfire Village Planning and Zoning Board and Council. All recommendations of the commission with regard to any public projects shall be in writing and transmitted promptly to the Foxfire Village Planning and Zoning Board and Village Council, and to the appropriate public agency.
- (5) To formulate and recommend to the planning and zoning board or the Foxfire Village Council adoption or amendment of ordinances (including the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, and other local ordinances regulating the use of property) that will, in the opinion of the commission, serve to enhance the appearance of the Foxfire Village and its extraterritorial area.
- (6) To direct the attention of Foxfire Village officials to needed enforcement of any ordinance that may in any way affect the appearance of the Foxfire Village and its extraterritorial area.
- (7) To seek voluntary adherence to the standards and policies of its plans.
- (8) To enter, in the performance of its official duties and at reasonable times, upon private lands and make examinations or surveys.
- (9) To promote public interest in and an understanding of its recommendations, studies and plans, and to that end to prepare, publish and distribute to the public such studies and reports as will, in the opinion of the commission, advance the cause of improved Foxfire Village and extraterritorial area appearance.
- (10) To conduct public meetings and hearings, giving reasonable notice to the public thereof.

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