

Title 04 Administrative Agencies and Procedures

Chapter 04.13 Design Review Board

Section 04.13.015 Design Review Board

Purpose.

The design review board is hereby established to:

- A. improve communication and participation among developers, neighbors, and the City early in the design and siting of new development subject to design review under the Spokane Municipal Code;
- B. ensure that projects subject to design review under the Spokane Municipal Code are consistent with adopted design guidelines and help implement the City's comprehensive plan;
- C. advocate for the aesthetic quality of Spokane's public realm;
- D. encourage design and site planning that responds to context, enhances pedestrian characteristics, considers sustainable design practices, and helps make Spokane a desirable place to live, work, and visit;
- E. provide flexibility in the application of development standards as allowed through development standard departures; and
- F. ensure that public facilities and projects within the City's right-of-way:
 1. wisely allocate the City's resources,
 2. serve as models of design quality.

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Section 04.13.025 Composition and Qualification

The design review board shall consist of eight members as follows:

- A. One architect.
- B. One landscape architect.
- C. One urban planner or urban designer.
- D. One civil or structural engineer.
- E. One member of the City arts commission.
- F. One real estate developer.
- G. One citizen-at-large.
- H. One designated liaison from the community assembly.

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Section 04.13.030 Appointment and Removal

Appointment and Removal.

Members of the board shall be nominated by the mayor and appointed by the city council. The community assembly may submit recommendations to the mayor for nomination of the designated liaison from the community assembly. Members may be removed for cause by the city council.

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Section 04.13.040 Terms of Office

A. Terms of Office.

1. Members shall serve staggered terms of three years. A member whose term has expired shall continue to hold office until a successor has qualified.
2. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the same manner as for an original appointment under this section. Appointment to fill the balance of an unexpired term where more than half of the term remains shall be considered a full-term.
3. Members who have retired from the board are eligible to apply for a position on the board after a six-month break.

B. Compensation.

Members shall serve without compensation.

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Section 04.13.050 Design Review Board Administration and Procedures

The board's administration and procedures are contained within the Unified Development Code [chapter 17G.040 SMC](#), Design Review Board Administration and Procedures.

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