

ROLE OF TOWN ADVISORY BOARDS/CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCILS

Town Advisory Boards (TABs) were formed pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 269.576, and Citizens Advisory Councils (CACs) pursuant to Clark County Code Chapter 3.32, to *assist the Board of County Commissioners in an advisory capacity* with the decision-making process in supplying public services to the unincorporated areas of Clark County. Appointed by elected County Commissioners, TAB and CAC members are subject to the Nevada Ethics in Government Law pursuant to NRS Chapter 281.481-281.551, general provisions for the code of ethical standards.

Town Advisory Boards

An unincorporated town is a political subdivision of Clark County, created to generate area-specific taxes in order to provide additional "urban" services. Under State law, such services may include, but are not limited to, parks and recreation, streets, roads, fire protection, and utilities. Unincorporated town status provides a vehicle through which revenue can be generated to offset the costs of those services. All financial and legal responsibilities for such services are assumed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each separate town is considered as an individual taxing district under State law.

Unincorporated town status also provides a mechanism by which the Board of County Commissioners may *obtain input from the residents* of these areas regarding matters of importance to their communities. This mechanism is the Town Advisory Board. There are currently 13 town advisory boards appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to serve the unincorporated towns located throughout the County. Town advisory boards, consisting of area residents, serve as formal direct channels to the County Commission allowing for greater input into the future of their towns.

State law requires that the Board of County Commissioners appoint a three or five-member town advisory board from qualified residents of each town. The town advisory board members serve without compensation for two-year terms and have the responsibility of assisting the Board of County Commissioners in the governance of the unincorporated town by acting as a *liaison between the residents and the Commission*.

Although not mandated, the town advisory board should hold public meetings at least once every month and, with assistance from County staff, accomplishes the following functions:

1. The town advisory boards are informed of matters pertaining to the town (long-term planning, zoning changes, public works projects, planning ordinances, etc.) and *provide input* regarding these matters to the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The town advisory boards *forward the concerns* or problems of residents to the Board of County Commissioners or County staff for resolution.
3. The town advisory boards *disseminate information* of interest that they receive from the County Commission and County staff to the residents of the town.
4. The town advisory boards may also develop a *Community Strategic Plan* to address long-range projects, programs or services.

Town Advisory Boards have been formed for the following areas:

Bunkerville	Enterprise
Laughlin	Indian Springs
Moapa Valley	Moapa
Paradise	Mt. Charleston
Spring Valley	Searchlight
Whitney	Sunrise Manor
	Winchester

Citizens Advisory Councils

In addition to the 13 town advisory boards, six *Citizens Advisory Councils have been created by the Board of County Commissioners to provide input from distinct community areas.* Unlike unincorporated towns, advisory council areas are *not political subdivisions* of the County and, therefore, do *not* have *revenue-generating* capabilities afforded by unincorporated town status.

Citizens advisory councils are created by ordinance and function in the same *advisory capacity* to the Board of County Commissioners regarding the affairs of their communities as TABs. The Board of County Commissioners may appoint a three or five-member citizens advisory council from qualified residents of these areas. Advisory council members serve without compensation for two-year terms.

Although not mandated, citizens advisory councils should hold public meetings at least once every month and, with assistance from County staff, accomplish the following functions:

1. The advisory councils are informed of matters pertaining to the town (long-term planning, zoning changes, public works projects, planning ordinances, etc.) and *provide input* regarding these matters to the Board of County Commissioners.
2. The advisory councils *forward the concerns* or problems of area residents to the Board of County Commissioners or County staff for resolution.
3. The advisory councils *disseminate information* of interest to residents of their area that it receives from the County Commission and County staff.
4. The advisory councils may also develop a *Community Strategic Plan* to address long-range projects, programs or services.

Citizens Advisory Councils have been formed in the following areas:

Goodsprings	Lone Mountain
Mountain Springs	Red Rock
Sandy Valley	Lower Kyle Canyon