

## Legislation Text

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### Establish Charlotte's Neighborhood Equity and STabilization Commission

**Action:**

**Adopt an ordinance establishing Charlotte's Neighborhood Equity and STabilization Commission.**

**Staff Resource(s):**

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**Background**

- Charlotte's Neighborhood Equity and STabilization Commission (Charlotte's NEST) was approved through the adoption of the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan - Plan Policy on June 21, 2021, by City Council resolution.
- NC General Statute 160D-306 requires City Council adopt an ordinance to establish a local planning and development-related advisory board.

**Explanation**

- This action formally establishes Charlotte's NEST.
- The city currently has an adopted Affordable Housing Framework coupled with several neighborhood programs that are used to expand the supply of affordable housing through new construction and preservation and to address gentrification. The city desires to add additional methods to engage the community in developing strategies to limit displacement.
- Charlotte's NEST is being established for a three-year period and is charged with reviewing and recommending specific anti-displacement strategies and specific tools for protecting residents of moderate- to high-vulnerability of displacement.
- In collaboration with the Housing and Neighborhood Services department, Charlotte's NEST will provide regular updates to the Great Neighborhoods Council Committee and quarterly reports to City Council.
- The NEST will be comprised of 15 individuals with a maximum of one, three-year term.
- Five appointments will be made by the Mayor, and 10 appointments will be made by City Council. Members shall be appointed according to the following criteria:
  - Three appointees in the Housing Advocates category (one appointed by the Mayor, two appointed by City Council);
  - Three appointees in the Neighborhood Leaders or Community Organizers category (one appointed by the Mayor, two appointed by City Council);
  - Three appointees in the Real Estate Development Industry category as specified below:
    - Non-Profit Affordable Housing Developer (one appointment by the Mayor),
    - For-Profit Affordable Housing Developer (one appointment by City Council), and
    - Market Rate Housing Developer (one appointment by City Council).
  - Two appointees that are residents in areas that have experienced or are experiencing displacement (one appointed by the Mayor, one appointed by City Council);
  - One Urban Studies and Planning Representative with experience in displacement and gentrification and implementing equitable inclusive development strategies (one appointment by the Mayor);
  - One Housing Finance Representative with experience in rental housing finance and homeownership and affordable and subsidized housing (one appointment by City Council);

- One Land Use Representative with expertise and experience in historic preservation and landmarks, zoning, and development rights (one appointment by City Council);
  - One Neighborhood Conditions Representative with expertise and experience in economic development, health, racial/ethnic segregation, schools and education, and crime (one appointment by City Council).
- Appointees must take an Oath of Office and are subject to the City Council's Attendance and Anti-Harassment Policies and Code of Ethics, Gift Policy, and Disclosure Requirements for members of committees.
- City Council nominations and appointments will be brought back to Council on August 23, 2021, and September 13, 2021, respectively.

**Attachment(s)**

Ordinance