

## **DESCRIPTIONS OF VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

**Architectural Review Board** - This Board serves as an advisory board to the Planning and Zoning Commission and reviews and makes recommendations on development proposals in the Scenic Overlay District located on FM-740. The board consists of seven members who serve for two year staggered terms. They meet once a month, as needed.

### **Art Review Team (ART) Commission –**

**Board of Adjustments** - The purpose of this board is to hear and review appeals of persons affected by any decision of the Zoning Administrator or hear variance requests related to requirements of the zoning ordinance. The Board has the authority to reverse or affirm the Zoning Administrator's decision, or to impose reasonable conditions on the applicant. The Board consists of five members appointed for two-year terms. They meet once a month as needed.

**Building and Standards Commission** - This Commission hears appeals from property owners regarding violations issued by the Code Enforcement Officer concerning Property Maintenance Code issues and/or hardships. The Commission consists of five (5) members and meets as necessary.

**Historic Preservation Advisory Board** - The Committee was established to conduct an ongoing survey to identify historically and architecturally significant properties, structures, and areas that exemplify the cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history of the nation, state or city. The Committee is comprised of 7 members who serve two-year staggered terms. They meet monthly.

**Parks and Recreation Board** - This Board adopts and sets by-laws and establishes policies and procedures for proper administration of the parks and recreation program of the city subject to the approval of City Council. This board also serves to encourage and facilitate establishment and maintenance of recreational facilities and programs as well as acquisition of new areas for park and recreation programs or expansion and improvement of current programs and facilities. This board consists of seven members appointed for two-year staggered terms. They meet monthly.

**Planning and Zoning Commission** - The commission recommends boundaries of various districts and regulations to be enforced therein and hears and makes recommendations to the City Council on any matters related to zoning, planning or subdivision control. It is composed of seven members serving for a term of two years on a staggered basis. They meet twice a month on a regular basis.

**Rockwall Economic Development Corporation** - Comprised of 5 board members, and 5 ex-officio members, this board was established to promote and develop industrial and manufacturing enterprises in Rockwall as a result of the ½ cent sales tax passed in November 1995. The Board meets once a month or as needed.

**Construction Advisory Board** - This Board hears appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the building official or fire official relative to the application and interpretation of the 2006 International Residential Code, International Building Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Fire Code, 2006 Uniform Swimming Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Code and 2005 National Electrical Code. The Board consists of seven (7) members serving for a term of five years on a staggered basis. The Board meets as necessary.

***Animal Adoption Center / Shelter Advisory Committee***

Consisting of 7 members, the purpose of the Animal Adoption Center / Shelter Advisory Committee is to assist the City of Rockwall with compliance of the requirements of the state law pertaining to animal shelters, Texas State Health & Safety Code, 823.005