

## Town of Sims

### Citizens Advisory Committee Representation

#### Land Use Plan and Regulations

**Objective:** The Board of Commissioners are seeking to diversify its Committees to represent a cross-section of the community (both within the town limits and its land use Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in the area surrounding the Town), which will provide various perspectives and viewpoints. These various viewpoints will provide a better perspective and minimize the biases of too few participants. In addition, a few outside the community experts of certain fields would serve as ex-officio members.

Experts say that the number of Citizens Advisory Committee members for community planning projects should be between 15 and 21. This allows for a reasonable number of all the various types of representations at each work session or meeting in order to provide sufficient perspectives.

Ideal cross-section community representation would include the following:

- **Gender balance – men and women have different views of their community;**
- **Short and long term residency – short term residents have a different perception of the community than long term residents;**
- **Wide range of ages – especially young parents vs. seniors as well as in-between;**
- **In-town vs. ETJ representation;**
- **"Old town" vs. new residential subdivisions representation;**
- **Normal business and industry representation (outside real estate & development interests);**
- **Real estate and developer perspective;**
- **Agricultural, mining, or forestry representation (especially for your ETJ area and to reflect environmental limitations); and,**
- **A few outside the community representations with certain expertise along with different perspective.**