

Rules of the Reynoldsburg Board of Zoning and Building Appeals

The Reynoldsburg Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, in order to carry out the general powers conferred upon it by the Ohio Revised Code and the City of Reynoldsburg's Charter and Codified Ordinances, does hereby adopt the following rules to govern its proceedings:

ARTICLE I AUTHORIZATION

Section 1.1 - The authorization for the establishment of Reynoldsburg Board of Zoning and Building Appeals is set forth in Article VII, Section 7.02 of the City Charter.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1 - The entire membership shall be the same as that provided for in Article VII, Section 7.02 of the City Charter.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 3.1 Officers – The officers of the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary.

Section 3.2 Chairman – The Chairman, shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He shall call special meetings of the Board when required. The Chairman may appoint committees or sub-committees comprised of Board members and others whenever he feels that such committees can further the work of the Board. The Chairman shall act as spokesman for the Board, and shall have such other duties as are normally conferred on such officers by parliamentary procedure. Unless otherwise restricted by the Planning & Zoning Code or Charter, the chairman shall have a vote on all matters before the Board. The Chairman shall sign all documents of the Board and see that all actions are properly carried out.

Section 3.3 Vice-Chairman – The Vice Chairman shall serve as Chairman during the temporary absence or disability of the Chairman, and shall upon those occasions be vested with the full authority attendant to the position of the Chairman.

Section 3.3 Secretary – The Secretary shall be elected by the Board from within or without the membership. A Secretary elected from without the membership of the Board shall not have a vote. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board in an appropriate location. The Secretary shall also give or serve all notices required by law or by the rules of the Board and prepare the agenda for all meetings of the Board. He shall be custodian of Board records and shall inform the Board of correspondence relating to business of the Board. The Secretary shall attend to such correspondence as required by the Chairman and handle funds allocated to the Board in accordance with its directives, the law, and City regulations.

ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 4.1 - At an annual organization meeting, which shall be the first regular meeting in January, the Board shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Nominations shall be made from the floor, and the candidate receiving a majority vote of the voting membership shall be declared elected

and shall take office at the close of the meeting. The officers shall be elected for a period of one (1) year, shall be eligible for re-election, and shall serve until their successors take office. Vacancies in office shall be filled immediately by regular election procedure.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS

Section 5.1 - Regular meetings shall be held at 6:30 P.M., on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month.

Section 5.2 - Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman at the request of three (3) voting members to act on those matters necessary and germane to the duties of the Board, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5.3 Quorum – A quorum shall be necessary at any regular or special meeting in order for the Board to take official action or carry on its business. A quorum shall consist of a majority of Board members. Each member of the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals who has knowledge of the fact that he will not be able to attend a scheduled meeting shall notify the Planning & Zoning Administrator or Secretary at the Municipal Building at the earliest possible opportunity and, in any event, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting. The Planning & Zoning Administrator or Secretary shall notify the Chairman in the event that the projected absences will produce a lack of quorum.

Section 5.4 - Action of the Board on any application properly brought before it shall be effective only when the matter being considered by the Board receives at least three (3) votes on the prevailing side. Questions on procedure shall be decided by a voice vote in the usual manner.

Section 5.5 Parliamentary Process – Unless otherwise specified herein, Robert’s “Rules of Order”, as filed in the Clerk of Council’s Office, shall govern the proceedings at the meetings of the Board.

Section 5.6 Designation of Voting Order – Votes of the Board will be by verbal vote and the order of voting will rotate in sequential alphabetical order. The Chairman shall always vote last.

Section 5.7 Reconsideration – Reconsideration of any decision of the Board may be had when the interested party for such reconsideration makes a satisfactory showing to the chairman that without fault on the part of such party, essential facts were not brought to the attention of the Board.

Section 5.8 Conflicts of Interest – Any member of the Board who feels that he has a conflict of interest on any matter that is on the Board’s agenda shall voluntarily excuse himself and refrain from discussing and voting on said items as a Board member.

ARTICLE VI AGENDAS & ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Section 6.1 Open Meetings and Records – All proceedings and records of the Board shall be open to the public in accordance with the City Charter, Codified Ordinances and the Ohio Revised Code. All maps, plats, and other matters required by law to be filed with the Board shall be filed in the office of the Planning & Zoning Administrator or Clerk of Council as required by the Planning & Zoning Code.

Section 6.2 – Deadline for Application – The deadline for filing applications for placement on the agenda shall be thirty (30) days prior to any given meeting of the Board unless otherwise stated by the Planning & Zoning Code. Requests for continuance of matters scheduled for a particular agenda shall be filed with the Planning & Zoning Administrator or Secretary by noon on the Thursday prior to the Thursday of the meeting so the printed agenda will reflect the required continuance.

Section 6.3 – Agenda - The Secretary, under the guidance of the Board’s Chairman, and with the assistance of the Vice Chairman, shall prepare the agenda for the regular and special meetings. Agendas for regular meetings shall be prepared at least seven (7) days in advance of each regular meeting. Board members shall be provided an agenda, a copy of each application and all related exhibits and materials, and a report from Staff at least seven (7) days in advance of each regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 7.1 Agenda Order – The order of business at the regular meetings of the Board shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
 - 1. Roll Call
 - 2. Approval of Minutes
 - 3. Approval of Agenda
 - 4. Public Comment
- B. Unfinished Business
- C. New Business
- D. Other Business
- E. Adjournment

Section 7.2 Presentation Order – The following procedure will normally be observed; however, it may be rearranged by the Chairman for individual items if necessary for the expeditious conduct of business:

- A. Staff presents report and makes recommendation.
- B. Applicants make presentation.
- C. Any opponents make presentations.
- D. Applicant makes rebuttal presentation of any points not previously covered.
- E. Board members ask any remaining questions they may have for the proponents, opponents, or staff, and then take a vote.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDING THE RULES OF THE BOARD

Section 8.1 Changes to these rules may be proposed and discussed at any regular meeting. At the next regular meeting, the proposed amendments will be eligible for adoption. The adopted rules will supersede any and all other rules and take effect immediately.


CHAIRMAN


VICE-CHAIRMAN

3 - 16 - 2017

ADOPTED (Date)