

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
401 MCINTIRE ROAD  
AUDITORIUM, 2:00 P.M  
AGENDA  
TUESDAY, August 5, 2014**

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a Quorum
3. Matters Not on the Agenda
4. New Business
  - A. Offsite Sign Training
  - B. Signing of April 1, 2014 Minutes
5. Old Business
6. Adjournment

## **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING GUIDELINES**

Thank you for attending the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting. The following information is provided to help ensure the meeting proceeds as efficiently and effectively as possible. As a courtesy to others, please turn off all cell phones during the meeting.

### **General Information:**

This meeting is recorded and later transcribed into minutes approved at a later meeting date.

Each item set for public hearing will begin with a presentation of the staff report. Next, the applicant or appellant for that item will be invited to speak. During the course of the process, the Chairman will open the public hearing to comments from the public. At the end of these proceedings the Chairman will announce that the public hearing is closed. Once the public hearing is closed, no further public comments will be allowed unless the Board asks for additional information from the applicant or appellant.

The BZA reserves the right to digress from these guidelines in any particular case.

### **To Members of the Public:**

If you wish to address the Board, please raise your hand or stand when the Chairman asks for public comments for that item. When it is your turn for comment, please come to the microphone and state your name for the record. For uncommon spellings, please spell your name for the recording secretary. If you are with a group of people, you may want to have a spokesperson present your position to the Board.

In order to give all speakers equal treatment and courtesy, the Board requests that speakers adhere to the following guidelines:

- *Come forward to the speaker's podium and state your name;*
- *Address comments directly to the Board as a whole - - open public debate is prohibited;*
- *State your position and give facts and other data to back it up - - a 3 minute time limit is encouraged;*
- **Give written statements and other supporting material to the Recording Secretary** *(written comments are also welcome if you do not wish to speak).*

### **Additional Guidelines for Applicants and Appellants addressing the Board:**

- *Please contact staff in Community Development ahead of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements for your presentation. **The Recording Secretary will also need copies of any handouts given to the BZA members for the official record of the meeting.***
- *Be clear in stating your position and do not repeat information that has been previously submitted to the Board.*
- *Stay on topic by addressing the questions in the application or by responding directly to staff's determination(s). Focus on presenting facts and data that support your position.*
- *Keep in mind the Board has found the most effective presentations **use a maximum of 8-12 minutes to state your position.** The Board will ask any necessary follow-up questions to clarify points made during the presentation.*
- *Understand that the Board of Zoning Appeals cannot change County ordinances.*

The BZA reserves the right to place time limitations on speakers, as necessary.