



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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AMENDMENT TO THE COOK COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE - 13.3.1 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners that Appendix A, Zoning, Article 13, Administration and Enforcement, Section 13.3.1 and Section 13.3.3 of the Cook County Code **is are** hereby amended as follows:

13.3.1 Membership. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall be composed of ~~seven~~ nine members: ~~five~~ seven voting members who shall be appointed by the President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice and consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and two ex-officio, nonvoting members, consisting of the Chairman of the Zoning and Building Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Chief of the Bureau of Economic Development of Cook County. Ex-officio members may be represented by a designee at any hearing or meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. As of June 1, 2013, voting members shall receive compensation of \$500.00 per official meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals where the member participates in person or by viewing a record of proceeding where action is required not to exceed \$12,000.00, with no other fringe or pension benefits, and an allowance for expenses as provided by the Cook County Board of Commissioners in its annual appropriation Ordinance. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall report the number of official meetings it has conducted on a quarterly basis to the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals serving at the time of adoption of this ordinance shall serve for the remaining term of their appointments, or until their respective successors are appointed. All new and renewed terms of office for Zoning Board of Appeals members shall be for five years.

13.3.3. Meetings and rules. The meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be held at the call of the Chairman at such times as the Zoning Board of Appeals may determine. Hearings conducted by the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be considered public meetings under the Illinois Open Meetings Act and shall be held in conformance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Ex-officio members, or their designees, may fully participate in meetings, but shall not vote on any matters before the Zoning Board of Appeals. For purposes of conducting a public meeting, a quorum of ~~four~~ five members shall be present in person at the meeting, and two of the ~~four~~ five members present may be ex-officio members or their designees. For purposes of conducting a vote at a public meeting, ~~three~~ four voting members must be present in person at the meeting. Any person may appear and testify at a hearing. The Chairman or Acting Chairman may administer oaths and subpoena witnesses. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall keep minutes of its proceedings showing the vote of each member upon each question. If any voting member is absent or fails to vote, that shall be reflected in the minutes. Zoning Board of Appeals voting members may not vote by proxy. Records shall be kept of all hearings and other official actions of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Applications, exhibits and all documents filed by applicants, as well as transcripts of hearings if provided, meetings, testimony and deliberations, shall constitute the record of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be the keeper of the records. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall adopt its own rules and procedures, not in conflict with this ordinance or with applicable State of Illinois

Statutes, and may select or appoint such officers as it deems necessary. A copy of every rule, regulation, amendment, order, requirement, decision or determination of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be filed immediately with the Department of Building and Zoning and shall be a public record.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption