

Amendment #9 Public Hearings

10.00.07 Board of Commissioner Public Hearing Procedures

The following procedures shall govern Board of Commissioner public hearings pertaining to applications listed as under their responsibility in Table 10.01.03. The ZBA and the Planning Commission are not required to observe these procedures.

- A.** The proposal or request to be considered shall be introduced by the Chair and presented by the **County Manager**.
- B.** Public comments shall be heard in an orderly fashion. Comments and testimony shall be provided in the following order:
 - 1. Citizens speaking in opposition to the proposal or request;
 - 2. Citizens speaking in favor of the proposal or request; and
 - 3. At the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, Rebuttal.
- C.** Any party may appear at the public hearing in **person** or by agent or by attorney.
- D.** Each opponent or proponent who speaks shall state their name and address.
- E.** Each applicant or other interested party who submits documents at the hearing shall identify each document. Each document submitted shall be made a part of the official record of the hearing.
- F.** Time periods for testimony:

Opponents shall have a minimum of ten (10) minutes to present data, evidence, and opinions pertinent to the proposal. Proponents shall have a minimum of ten (10) minutes to present data, evidence, and opinions pertinent to the proposal. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners may otherwise limit discussion. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners may allow additional time at their discretion.
- G.** The Board of Commissioners retains the privilege to ask any questions of the **County Manager**, other staff, or **persons** who have spoken on the matter.
- H.** After the final action by the Board of Commissioners, the Chair shall announce the decision. The **County Manager** shall notify the applicant or agent in writing of the decision of the Board of Commissioners.
- I.** The Board of Commissioners may table the application. The tabling shall be to a date certain. Where an application is remanded by the Board of Commissioners to the Planning Commission it shall be heard by the Planning Commission on the next available meeting date.