

Job Title: Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Member

Job Overview:

As a Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) member, you will serve as part of a quasi-judicial board responsible for hearing and making decisions on appeals regarding the application of zoning laws and ordinances within the municipality. You will review cases brought by property owners or developers, assess the impact of zoning requests on the community, and determine whether variances or special use permits should be granted.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Review and Hear Appeals:** Evaluate appeals from property owners or developers seeking relief from zoning ordinances, such as variances or special permits.
- **Interpret Zoning Ordinances:** Provide interpretation and clarification of local zoning laws and regulations.
- **Variances:** Consider requests for variances to zoning laws, assessing whether unique circumstances warrant an exception to standard regulations.
- **Public Hearings:** Participate in public hearings to gather input from residents, property owners, and other stakeholders regarding zoning appeals.
- **Make Informed Decisions:** Render decisions based on a thorough review of zoning regulations, property characteristics, and community impact.
- **Coordinate with Other Officials:** Collaborate with municipal staff to ensure compliance with land use regulations and zoning codes.
- **Document Findings:** Ensure that all board decisions are properly documented and comply with local, state, and federal laws.
- **Maintain Objectivity:** Maintain impartiality and fairness when hearing cases and making decisions, keeping the community's best interests in mind.
- **Stay Informed:** Stay updated on zoning laws, changes to local ordinances, and best practices in land use and development.

Qualifications:

- **Knowledge of Zoning Laws:** A basic understanding of local zoning ordinances, land use regulations, and development practices is highly preferred.
- **Analytical Skills:** Ability to assess and analyze property plans, zoning codes, and legal requirements to make informed decisions.
- **Public Service Commitment:** A dedication to fairness, transparency, and serving the public interest in land use matters.

Requirements:

- Residency within the municipality or jurisdiction served by the ZBA.
- No conflict of interest with personal or business relationships related to zoning matters.

Term:

Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals are appointed by the governing body for a term of 3 years,

Compensation:

Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per meeting.