



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jackie Brown, Director
PHED Committee

FROM: Bobbie S. Mack, Chair *BSM/BS*
Board of Appeals

THRU: Barbara Stone, Administrator *BS*
Board of Appeals

DATE: September 29, 2021

RE: Legislative Referral – CB-086-2021

The following is additional comments which have been generated from the Board of Appeals Chair regarding CB-086-21.

The Board of Appeals serves as a valuable entity to the Council, voters, residents, and landowners of Prince George's County. Our responsibility is to give the appellants the opportunity to present their case as to why they need a variance, within the current laws and regulations and meeting the three step criteria necessary to grant a variance. Based on facts and circumstances, we are charged with determining the hardship for granting a variance, based on facts presented and hardships met. Each case is based solely on evidence presented, the county codes and laws, and input from all stakeholders. It is announced at any meeting where on two board members are present, providing the opportunity to reschedule for a full board. This Board has existed for over 75 years and has not had any issues regarding a quorum.

Sec. 2-119. Board of Appeals; terms and compensation: officers.

Line 16 (a) If it is the pleasure of the Council to increase the number of the Board of Appeals members, the following would be a thought to deliberate. The BOA shall consist of three (3) members and two (2) alternates. Alternates would have the ability to hear cases, make comments, but not given voting rights, unless there is an absence of a full board member. The quorum would remain at 3 members. Changing to a five (5) member board would increase the work- load on the office staff and lengthen the meeting times. My recommendation is to leave the board as a three (3) member board.

The term of the appointments shall remain at four years and will be appointed in June following a general election year for Council Members. This gives any newly elected Council Members the opportunity to go thru orientation and familiarized themselves with the duties of their position

All dates need to be adjusted.

The compensation rate should increase to \$950 per month for members. The Board Chairman shall be compensated an additional \$1800 per year. Meetings are on a normal schedule of twice per month. However, frequently extending to two nights or more for one case. The BOA averages 9 hearings per meeting with intense listening skills and deliberations