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Chapter 2-10

Appeals Hearing Board Ordinance No. 502

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2-1001 Creation of appeals hearing board.

An appeals hearing board in the city of Lafayette is established. The appeals hearing board consists of four members appointed by the city council, one of whom shall be designated as the alternate member of the board. The board shall function as a panel of three members. The alternate member shall serve when one of the members of the three member panel is unavailable. (Ord. 506 § 1, 1999: Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1002 Qualifications.

Each member of the appeals hearing board shall be a resident of the city. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1003 Term of office.

The members appointed shall be classified by the city council so that two members serve until December 31, 2000 and one member serves and the alternate member serve until December 31, 2001. Thereafter, the term of office of each member is two years. Each member serves until a successor is appointed. (Ord. 506 § 2, 1999: Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1004 Removal or vacancy.

A member of the appeals hearing board may be removed by a majority vote of the city council. A vacancy is filled in the same manner as the original appointment. A person appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the remainder of the unexpired term. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1005 No compensation.

Members of the appeals hearing board serve without compensation. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1006 Time and place of regular meetings.

The appeals hearing board shall meet at least once each month at a time and place in Lafayette designated by the board. Board meetings are open the public and shall be noticed in accordance with law. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1007 Appointments of chair and vice-chair.

The board members shall designate the chair and vice-chair of the board from among the membership. Each chair term shall be one year. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1008 Adoption of rules.

The board shall adopt rules for the transaction of its business, and shall keep a public record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1009 Quorum.

A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1010 Absence from meetings.

If a member of the board is absent without notice from three consecutive regular meetings of the board, the office becomes vacant automatically. The board shall immediately notify the council of the vacancy. Members must notify the chair before the meeting in order to be excused. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1011 Duties of officers.

(a) Chair. The chair shall preside at all meetings of the commission. The chair shall appoint all committees and shall perform all the duties necessary or incidental to the office.

(b) Vice-chair. The vice-chair shall serve as chair in the absence or inability of the chair to act.

(Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)

2-1012 Duties of the board.

The duties of the board are to act as an appeals board for the hearing of alleged violations of the Lafayette Municipal Code and city ordinances that pertain to building, plumbing, electrical or similar structural regulations or zoning issues that do not create an immediate health and safety emergency. (Ord. 502 § 1 (part), 1999)