

Commissions and Boards administered by Community Services

Zoning Board of Appeals – Hear requests for variances in the zoning code. Members attend if they have a special interest in a case. The Zoning Board meets at 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

Planning Commission – The Planning Commission reviews requests for special use permits, rezoning, street vacations and adoption of plans for future City development. The meetings are the 4th Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

Historic District Commission – Administers and ensures conformity to the Historic District Ordinances and maintains the Historic District Register. They review applications and plans for exterior rehabilitation for homes in the Historic District and homes that may or may not be in the District, but have historical significance. Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall.

Dangerous Buildings – The Dangerous Building process provides a mechanism for Code Compliance to address buildings in the city, which are vacant and boarded. If a property owner leaves a building vacant for more than 180 days without notifying the police department, the building added to the dangerous building registry. Dangerous building hearings are at 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, before a Dangerous Buildings hearing officer to determine if a property owner intends to repair their property. If it is determined that the property owner has not shown good faith in fixing his property, the Dangerous Building officer makes a recommendation that the building be repaired or demolished. The property owner may then appeal this to the Board of Appeals.

Board of Appeals – Property owners who refuse or are unable to meet repair deadlines set by Code Compliance Officials have the opportunity to appeal their case to the Housing Board of Appeals. At this meeting, the Board either grant additional time for property owners to comply or turns the case over to the City Attorney's Office for legal action. The Board of Appeals are at 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Commission Chambers of City Hall.

For Dangerous Buildings, if the Board of Appeals affirm the hearing officer's decision, the case is taken before the City Commission for a Public Hearing. The Code Compliance department then asks the Commission to grant authority to go on the property and either repair or demolish the building. If the Commission gives authorization, the City may enter onto the property, even private property and demolish or repair the building.

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