

WASHINGTON COUNTY NEBRASKA

PUBLIC HEARING GUIDELINES

In accordance with Washington County Board of Supervisors BYLAWS & RULES OF PROCEDURE - 4.10

A. PROCEDURE

1. Planning staff and/or other experts will provide brief overview of the subject item.
 - a. Recognition of staff report.
 - b. Any new and or additional comments from the Planning Administrator.
2. Presentation by applicant
 - a. Comments or Questions from the Board
3. The Chair will open the public hearing for item(s) scheduled for public comment.
 - a. The Chair will ask for Public Comment for those speaking in “Favor”, then “Against”, and finally “Neutral” to a proposal, each segment will be allowed a total of 45 minutes of time. A 10 minute warning will be given for the closing of the segment.
 - b. Each member of the public desiring to address the Board is allowed to speak for no more than 3 minutes. For the record, the speaker must state their name and address.
 - c. All comments are to be directed to the Board.
 - d. Board Members and Planning Staff may ask clarifying questions during public comment. However, the intent of a public hearing is to receive comment from the public. It is not an opportunity to engage the Board in debate. It is not a forum in which the public should expect an interactive question and answer exercise between the public and the Board.
 - e. Please refrain from repeating comments that may have already been made or previously been submitted in writing.
4. Public comment is formally closed.
5. The Board may choose to deliberate and take appropriate action, or, may defer the vote to a later meeting, or, may choose to take no action.

B. CIVIL DISCOURSE & DECORUM

1. All persons should avoid undermining the integrity or dignity of others in the meeting. Clapping, booing, cheering or other signs of support or opposition to the proposal is not permitted.