

PETITION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

St. Charles Parish Council Chairman
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Today's Date: 02/23/2026



Dear Chairman:

Please place my name to address the Council on:

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: MONDAY MARCH 02, 2026

SPECIFIC TOPIC: RULES FOR P+2 AND ZBA

(*See specific guidelines on the reverse side and refer to Parish Charter Article VII Sec. I / It makes no provision for initiating debate, discussion, or question and answer sessions with Councilmembers or Administration Officials.)

DOCUMENTS, IF ANY: YES / NO

DOCUMENTS **MUST BE ATTACHED AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION**

NAME: VICTOR BUCCOLA, DESTREHAN

COMPANY / ORGANIZATION: CONCERNED CITIZEN

(Note: If you are speaking on behalf of a Company/Organization, see additional requirement in Council Guidelines/Page 2)

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SIGNATURE: Victor Buccola

Dear Constituent:

Thank you for your active participation. The Council has a considerable amount of business to conduct in a limited amount of time, therefore, please note the following items that are expected of you:

- The Home Rule Charter provides for citizens to address the Council. **All requests and pertinent information must be received in writing by the Council Secretary at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled meeting; request may be hand-delivered, mailed or emailed (scpcouncil@stcharlesgov.net), to be received by 4:00 pm. It makes no provision for initiating debate, discussion, or question and answer sessions with Councilmembers or Administration Officials.** Your right is also guaranteed to examine public documents as you prepare your presentation.
- Please be brief and limit your comments to the specific subject matter on which you have requested to address the Council. Please reference the Council guidelines for time limit specifications.
- **Supporting documents/handouts if applicable must be provided at the time your form is submitted.**
- **Slanderous remarks and comments will not be tolerated.** If slanderous remarks or comments are made, your opportunity to address the Council will end, regardless of the remaining time left to address the Council.
- **Repetitious comments and subject matter will be strictly limited.**
- **No person shall be permitted to address the Council on the same subject matter upon which he/she has previously addressed the Council during the prior eight week period.**

A confirmation letter will follow when your name is placed on the agenda.

Sincerely,

WALTER PILIÉ
COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

(OVER)

PETITION TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

After five years me speaking before a previous Council on this topic, I am once again requesting to publicly address the current Council about public body's Rules. I also ask that this composition and other attached documents please be included in the St Charles Parish Council meeting agenda. The specific topic of my address is **RULES.....Rules for the Regular Meetings of both the St. Charles Parish **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION and the **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZBA)**.****

It is not my intention to be disrespectful, unappreciative, or undeservingly critical of the public services that all of the civic-minded Planning and Zoning Commissioners and ZBA Board Members fulfill on behalf of the citizens and property owners in St. Charles Parish. This includes the public services WE THE PEOPLE receive from this Council, all the Planning and Zoning Department officials, and the Administration. However, the public services provided should equally benefit, when appropriate, all property owners in St. Charles Parish. One common goal for local government should be to ensure that our communities are the best places to live and work, being the results of their collective efforts.

Citizen members who donate their time to serve on boards and commissions are most often making personal sacrifices with their free time considering they become non-compensated, local government public servants (other than receiving a per diem for attending meetings). Participants who make themselves available for public service deserve recognition and commendation for their willingness to commit to perform civic duties that include exercising government powers that do, however, come with necessary limitations.

The St. Charles Parish Planning Commission is a seven-member public body appointed by the Parish Council. The code of ordinances states "the planning commission shall constitute the zoning commission for the parish of St. Charles and shall exercise all the powers, duties and functions which are conferred or imposed on parish zoning commissions by the general laws of the state or by special laws applicable to St. Charles Parish." The commission is the advising body for establishing land use policies and is charged with holding public hearings on land use applications and making decisions and recommendations to the Parish Council on subdivision plans, rezoning requests, special permit uses, home occupations and zoning and subdivision code amendments.

I am of the opinion any public body's existence includes allowing public input at their meetings, even when their rules are discussed. This has not been taking place at the Commission meetings, nor the ZBA meetings, too – not since 1998 when the then Administration attempted to advance a super majority voting rule, but it was rejected by the Council. However, sometime in the early 2000's, probably after Katrina, the super majority rule found its way into the Commission's rules.

By searching St. Charles Parish's online government database (Legistar), I found documents that support my belief that the Commission's rules and the ZBA's rules prior to 2019 have not always even been appropriately approved by Council resolution. Legistar searches produce documents dating back to only 1999. In more recent times (since 2019), I'm pleased to see that the rules for both the **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION and the **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** have been occasionally revisited by the appointed public bodies, but done so without public input which is troubling. Since 2019, their rules have been rubber stamped without discussion and adopted with the required Council resolution.**

With this submission, I hope to encourage some discussion amongst Council members and executive administration officials (including the Parish Attorney) with respect to these two public body's rules before this Council simply rubber stamps them again for approval by Resolution. When this governing authority discusses it's own Council rules, the rules measures are included in the agendas for public review that includes opportunity for public comment before the rules are approved. This has not been happening when the **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION and the **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** reevaluates their respective rules. Any considerations of proposed rule changes, even if there are none, need to be advertised and included in their agendas should anyone from the community wish to have opportunity to participate and offer input.**

Being it is part of human nature to not always be focused on the small stuff, it seems likely that this Council may soon unknowingly allow history to repeat itself. I've voiced my objection in the past to the Commission's current majority 4 affirmative votes rule imposed to approve in all cases regardless of the number of Commissioners voting. Specifically, **Rule F. VOTING 1. Reads: At least four (4) affirmative votes are required to pass a motion of the Commission. Four commissioners present is a quorum, and if a regular meeting is held with only four commissioners in attendance and voting, all cases heard must receive**

100% of the vote (4 Yeas; 0 Nays). I find this to be an unacceptable rule being imposed by a non-elected public body, especially if and when a land use applicant's proposal is denied AND the measure is NOT required to be determined finally by the elected body, that being the St. Charles Parish Council.

The essence of my complaint is, in some rarely occurring cases, citizens who own property and/or operate businesses in SCP are being treated unfairly by the current rule when the Commission may unjustly DENY their applications that are, at first, seemingly approved by a simple majority vote (such as 3 YEAS and 2 NAYS). This actually occurs when, what would otherwise be decided by a simple majority vote to approve, the case is actually denied due to the Commission's enforcement of their little known or realized minimum four (4) affirmative voting rule.

The Commission's ability to enforce this rule, regardless of the number of Commission members present and voting, is wrong and unfair to some land use applicants when only five (5) or four (4) Commissioners are present to vote. It seldom occurs this way, but happening just once is once too many. I personally have never experienced the disappointment of having a land use application denied due to the enforcement of this supermajority voting standard rule being enforced by a non-elected public body.

It's my belief that a supermajority voting standard rule should not be, and should never be, a case denial option allowed for use by a non-elected public body when they deliberate and vote. Worst case example of a voting injustice would occur when only the minimum of four (4) Commission members (a quorum) are present and voting. If this were to happen and the supermajority voting standard rule was enforced, a one (1) NAY vote would trump three (3) YEAH votes. Incredibly, the three (3) YEAH votes (the supermajority of four votes under this scenario) would lose to a single one (1) NAY vote, resulting in an unjust DENIAL that's disturbing to imagine.

Talk about unfairness when the minority rule prevails, when the lesser number of NAY votes prevails over the greater number of YEAH votes because of a supermajority voting rule (in any case) that should be reserved and imposed only by the governing authority.

This is very unfair to any land use applicant who has no control over when the full seven-member, appointed membership of the Commission shows up for work. When all seven members are present to vote Yeah or Nay, the applicant's case could be approved by a simple majority 4-3 vote count or more, or disapproved by the same vote count or more.

History recently repeated itself again when the Commission, near the end of their December 4, 2025 meeting, it took the Commissioners only 77 seconds to barely mention and not even discuss their rules when they then proceeded to vote to approve their existing rules without any changes or public comment opportunity. A copy of their rules was not included in the Department's meeting agenda.

History recently repeated itself again when the ZBA, near the end of their December 18, 2025 meeting, it took the Board members less than 80 seconds to barely mention and not even discuss their rules they proceeded to vote to approve their existing rules without any changes or public comment opportunity.. A copy of the ZBA rules were not included in the Department's meeting agenda.

A question in need of an answer from this Council and/or the Parish Attorney is, do these recent events violate the state's "Open Meetings Law" or any other legally required process with respect to rules? Are these two, members appointed public bodies – the P&Z Commission and the ZBA - are they allowed to create and/or change their own statutorily required rules out of the public view with no opportunity for public input or comment?" To be clear, in no way, shape or form am I implying or claiming that these two public bodies are knowingly leaving the public out of the rule making process. It seems to me it's the Department's place and responsibility to ensure that both the **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION and the **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** discusses, and if necessary, amends their rules in a public forum with the opportunity for public participation.**

La. R.S. 42:12 Public policy for open meetings; liberal construction

A. It is essential to the maintenance of a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner and that the citizens be advised of and aware of the performance of public officials and the deliberations and decisions that go into the making of public policy. Toward this end, the provisions of R.S. 42:12 through 28 shall be construed liberally

LSA RS 33:104 Organization, meetings, and rules

mandates that the (P&Z) Commission: A.shall adopt rules for transaction of business and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings, and determinations, which shall be a public record.

AND

LSA RS 33:4727. Board of adjustment; membership; powers and procedures

- states (5) The board [ZBA] shall adopt rules in accordance with the provisions of any ordinance adopted pursuant to R.S. 33:4721 through 33:4729; however, any rules adopted by a board of adjustment, zoning administrator, or other official or official body appointed by the governing authority shall not be effective until approved in writing by the governing authority.

When the opportunity next comes before this Council to eliminate this horrible supermajority voting standard rule, I urge this governing authority to please vote unanimously to remove it. Please strike it; kill it; eliminate it; put it in the recycle bin. Please do the fair thing, REMOVE this rule from the Commission's rules of operation, because its enforcement is very unjust to some land use applicants when the quorum is so small that when the votes are counted, 3-2 and 3-1 results are very likely. In some cases, it causes applicant anxiety. Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts and views.

Thank you - Victor L. Buccola



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COUNCIL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 29, 2021

TO: MR. MICHAEL ALBERT
PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

FROM: MICHELLE IMPASTATO
COUNCIL SECRETARY 

RE: AMEND RULES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On January 25, 2021, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Resolution No. 6538 approving amendments to RULES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ST CHARLES PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your records. Please notify the appropriate parties of the Council's action in this regard.

MI/sm

Enclosure

cc: Parish Council
Mr. Billy Raymond w/enclosure
Mr. Corey Oubre w/enclosure
Ms. Marny Stein w/enclosure
Planning & Zoning Commission w/enclosure

**RULES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS
OF THE**

ST CHARLES PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Updated 20201203

A. MEETING INFORMATION

1. The Commission will hold Regular Meetings in the Council Chamber of the Parish Courthouse on the first Thursday of each month.
2. A meeting may be scheduled for the second Thursday if a holiday or special event would affect attendance on the first Thursday.
3. The Commission may approve additional deviations from the annual meeting schedule by a majority vote
4. Meetings will be scheduled to start at 6:00 P.M. and should adjourn no later than 10:00 P.M.
5. The Commission may extend any meeting beyond 10:00 P.M. by a 2/3 vote.
6. Any pending business shall be resumed at the start of the next regular meeting.
7. Commission meetings will be open to the public.
8. Commission meetings will be televised whenever possible.

B. PRESIDING OFFICERS

1. The Commission shall elect from among its members a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
2. Elections should occur at the regular meeting in December.
3. Presiding Officers serve one year terms, beginning at the January meeting.
4. The Chairperson of the Commission shall be the presiding officer of the Commission.
5. The Vice-Chairperson of the Commission shall preside in the absence of the Chairperson.
6. If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, the Commission shall elect an Acting Chairperson.
7. The Acting Chairperson shall preside until the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson returns.
8. The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson may desire to vacate the chair.
9. Any member may be called to the seat by the vacating Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.
10. The appointment of a member called to chair shall not continue beyond adjournment of that meeting.
11. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Commission shall vote on all questions on which the vote is taken by Yeas and Nays.
12. The Chairperson shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions or order, subject to an appeal.
13. The Chairperson shall prohibit the discussion of matters which are repetitious, redundant and/or completed.
14. When two or more members request the floor at the same time, the presiding officer shall name the member who is to speak first.
15. The Chairperson may, with no objection from the Commission, declare a recess of up to ten (10) minutes at any time.

C. GENERAL COMMISSION RULES

1. The rules of parliamentary procedure in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 11th ed., **RONR**, (Da Capo Press, 2011), or later shall govern the Commission.
2. Commission rules take precedence when inconsistencies occur.
3. These rules and regulations may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of all Commissioners.
4. These rules may be repealed or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Commissioners, and Council resolution.

5. Four (4) Commission members must be present to form a quorum, and a quorum must be present to proceed with Commission business.
6. A motion must be seconded in order to be put or debated by the Commission.
7. When a motion is seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer.
8. The Commission may elect to deviate from the meeting agenda by majority vote.
9. No item on the agenda shall be postponed for more than two (2) consecutive meetings.
10. The Commission may authorize the appointment of special committees upon motion adopted at a meeting of the Commission.
11. **These rules will be reviewed at least once every four years.**

D. COMMISSIONER ETIQUETTE

1. Commissioners shall not proceed with remarks until recognized by the Chair.
2. Commissioners shall confine remarks to the question under debate.
3. Commissioners shall avoid personalities and refrain from impugning the motives of other members.
4. Commissioner shall not slander or personally criticize another member during Commission meetings.
5. Discussion of partisan politics should be refrained from during meetings.
6. The Chair shall IMMEDIATELY rule out of order any member indulging in disorderly behavior.
7. Commissioners called to order shall immediately comply with the ruling.
8. Members may appeal rulings of the Chair subject to the following process:
 - i. An appeal must be seconded.
 - ii. If seconded, the appealing member may state their reasoning for the appeal.
 - iii. The Chair may briefly explain their ruling, but no debate may occur.
 - iv. No other member shall participate in the discussion regarding an appeal.
 - v. The Chair shall ask if their ruling shall be sustained.
 - vi. The decision of the Chair shall be overruled with a majority of 'nay' votes.

E. ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Chairperson's Call to Order – Roll Call – Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Planning and Zoning Petitions and Public Hearings (Starting with first case on agenda.)
 - Planning and Zoning staff present the case. (department recommendation optional at this time)
 - Person(s) representing the application may speak for the request.
 - Chairperson opens public hearing
 - Person(s) in attendance may speak for or against the request (1 time per request, no more than 3 minutes).
 - Chairperson may read any submitted correspondence for or against the request.
 - Chairperson will declare the public hearing closed and ask for Planning & Zoning Commission discussion.
 - Chairperson can ask for the Planning and Zoning Department's recommendation if not previously given.
 - Chairperson asks for a motion by the Commission and call for a vote.
3. Reports (Committees, etc.)
4. Other Business to be Considered by Commission
5. Executive Sessions, Announcements, Notices, Etc.
6. The adoption of the Official Minutes of the last preceding meeting or meetings, and correction and approval of the same.
7. Adjournment

F. VOTING

1. At least four (4) affirmative votes are required to pass a motion of the Commission.
2. When the Chair has called for the taking of a vote, all debate on the question shall be deemed concluded.
3. During the vote, no member shall be permitted to explain his vote.
4. While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall leave his seat until the roll call is completed.
5. Every member present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote unless a conflict of interest is stated on the record.
6. No attempt to unduly influence Commissioners shall be made either in writing or verbally by any fellow Commission or other elected person prior to scheduled meetings.
7. Votes at final passage of all matters shall be taken by yeas and nays.
8. Proxy voting by a Commissioner will not be allowed.
9. The result of all votes by shall be announced by the Chair.
10. No vote shall be changed after the Chair has announced the vote unless a Commissioner asks to reconsider a vote in accordance with **RONR**.

G. OFFICIAL MINUTES.

1. The Official Minutes shall record all transactions of the Commission
2. The Official Minutes shall not be considered a verbatim transcript of Commission Meetings.
3. The names of the Commissioners voting for or against each proposed motion, resolution, ordinance or amendment shall be entered into the Official Minutes.
4. In all cases where a resolution or motion is entered in the Official Minutes, the name of the member moving the same shall be entered also.

H. RULES FOR THE PUBLIC

1. Commission meetings shall be open to the public.
2. No person shall be denied the right to address the Commission during a public hearing.
3. Representatives of an agenda item may address the Commission to describe the agenda item and also to answer questions arising from the public hearing.
4. Members of the public addressing the Commission may speak one time per agenda item for up to three (3) minutes.
5. Anyone addressing the Commission shall confine his or her comments to the particular agenda item up for discussion.
6. If there is disturbance or disorderly conduct, the presiding officer may clear the Council Chamber.

2021-0029

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING)

RESOLUTION NO. 6538

A resolution approving amendments to *RULES FOR
REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ST CHARLES
PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.*

WHEREAS, The Planning and Zoning Commission rules may be repealed or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Commissioners and support of a Council resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the current *RULES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ST CHARLES PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION, updated September 5, 2019* were approved by Council Resolution 6440; and,

WHEREAS, at their regular meeting of December 3, 2020, a majority of Planning Commissioners approved amendments to their rules in order to:

- start regular meetings at 6:00 p.m. and
- require review of the rules at least every four years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL hereby provides this resolution in support of *RULES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Updated December 3, 2020.*

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: DONALDSON, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS,
DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FISHER-PERRIER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 25th day of January, 2021, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Meriden Bellard
SECRETARY: Michelle Laporte
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: January 26, 2021
APPROVED: [Signature] DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Math Jewell
RETD/SECRETARY: January 29, 2021
AT: 9:20 am RECD BY: [Signature]



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COUNCIL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 9, 2022

TO: MR. MICHAEL ALBERT
PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

FROM: MICHELLE IMPASTATO
COUNCIL SECRETARY 

RE: RULES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS
ST. CHARLES PARISH BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

On March 7, 2022, the St. Charles Parish Council adopted Resolution No. 6619 supporting Rules for Regular Meetings of the St. Charles Parish Zoning Board of Adjustment.

A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your records. Please notify the appropriate parties of the Council's action in this regard.

MI/sm

Enclosure

cc: Parish Council
Mr. Billy Raymond w/enclosure
Mr. Corey Oubre w/enclosure
Board of Adjustment w/enclosure

RULES FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ST CHARLES PARISH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

A. MEETING INFORMATION

1. The Board will hold regular monthly meetings in the Council Chamber of the Parish Courthouse on the third Thursday of each month.
2. A meeting may be scheduled for the fourth Thursday if a holiday or special event would affect attendance on the third Thursday.
3. The Chairperson may request a special meeting subject to Section 2-52 of the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances and public notice requirements.
4. Meetings will be scheduled to start at 6:00 P.M. and should adjourn no later than 10:00 P.M.
5. The Board may extend any meeting beyond 10:00 P.M. by a 2/3 vote.
6. Any pending business shall be resumed at the start of the next regular meeting.
7. Board meetings will be open to the public.
8. Board meetings will be televised whenever possible.

B. PRESIDING OFFICERS

1. At the first regular meeting of each year, the Board shall elect from among its members a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
2. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as Chairperson.
3. The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the Board.
4. The Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall preside in the absence of the Chairperson.
5. If both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, the Board shall elect an Acting Chairperson.
6. The Acting Chairperson shall preside until the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson returns.
7. The Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson may desire to vacate the chair.
8. Any member may be called to the seat by the vacating Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.
9. The appointment of a member called to chair shall not continue beyond adjournment of that meeting.
10. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall vote on all questions on which the vote is taken by Yeas and Nays.
11. The Chairperson shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal.
12. When two or more members request the floor at the same time, the presiding officer shall name the member who is to speak first.
13. The Chairperson may, with no objection from the Board, may declare a recess of up to ten (10) minutes at any time.

C. GENERAL BOARD RULES

1. The Board shall follow Robert's Rules of Order unless in conflict with the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Section XIII.
2. Board rules take precedence when inconsistencies occur.
3. A simple majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum, and a quorum must be present to proceed with Board business.
4. When a motion is seconded, it should be stated by the presiding officer.
5. No item on the agenda shall be postponed for more than two (2) consecutive meetings.
6. The order of business should follow the printed meeting agenda.
7. These rules may be repealed or amended by concurrence of a majority of all Board Members and Council resolution.
8. These rules will be reviewed at least once every four years.

D. VOTING

1. In order to pass a motion, a majority of members present must vote in the affirmative, unless stated otherwise in these rules.
2. When the Chair has called for the taking of a vote, all debate on the question shall be deemed concluded.
3. While the presiding officer is putting the question, no member shall leave his seat until the roll call is completed.
4. Every member present when a question is stated from the Chair shall vote unless a conflict of interest is stated on the record.
5. No attempt to influence a Board Member's vote shall be made either in writing or verbally by any fellow Board or other elected person prior to scheduled meetings.
6. Votes at final passage of all matters shall be taken by yeas and nays.

7. Proxy voting by a Board Member will not be allowed.
8. The result of all votes shall be announced by the Chair.
9. No vote shall be changed after the Chair has announced the vote unless a Board Member asks to reconsider a vote in accordance with RONR.

E. OFFICIAL MINUTES

1. The Official Minutes shall record all transactions of the Board.
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4. In all cases where a motion is entered in the Official Minutes, the name of the member moving the same shall be entered also.

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3. Representatives of an agenda item may address the Board to provide testimony regarding their case, answer questions arising from the public hearing, and answer questions from the Board.
4. Anyone addressing the Board shall confine his or her comments to the particular agenda item up for discussion.
5. If there is disturbance or disorderly conduct, the presiding officer may clear the Council Chamber.

2022-0067

INTRODUCED BY: MATTHEW JEWELL, PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING)

RESOLUTION NO. 6619

A resolution supporting Rules for Regular Meetings of
the St. Charles Parish Zoning Board of Adjustment.

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 33:4727 A. (5) requires that a board shall adopt rules in
accordance with the provisions of any ordinance adopted pursuant to
R.S. 33:4721 through 33:4729; and,

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 33:4727 A. (5) further states, any rules adopted by a board of
adjustment, zoning administrator, or other official or official body
appointed by the governing authority shall not be effective until
approved in writing by the governing authority; and,

WHEREAS, a majority of the Zoning Board of Adjustment approved of *RULES FOR
REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ST CHARLES PARISH ZONING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, updated January 20, 2022* at their meeting
of February 17, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL
hereby provides this resolution in support of Rules for Regular Meetings of the St. Charles
Parish Zoning Board of Adjustment, adopted February 17, 2022.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was
as follows:

YEAS: BILLINGS, FONSEGA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, DUFRENE,
BELLOCK, FISHER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: GIBBS, FISHER-CORMIER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 7th day of March, 2022,
to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: Bob Fiala

SECRETARY: Michelle Ingersoll

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: March 7, 2022

APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Matthew Jewell

RETD/SECRETARY: March 7, 2022

AT: 8:00 pm RECD BY: (Signature)

PZO-98-09 requested by Chris Tregre, Parish President for an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, through the provision of specific voting majority requirements on measures considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

After no one spoke for or in opposition, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Lassus stated that this measure was advanced through the administration. It would require that a Planning & Zoning Commission majority standard be established whereby at least 4 votes are required to pass any item. In some cases you can have a quorum with the condition and a simple majority would be 3 votes. It's attempting to get a stronger majority to pass any item that comes before you and that would require 4 votes instead of 3 when the quorum is small.

The foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wilson, Richoux, Charles, Reaves, Daveloy, DuRousseau,
Babineaux
NAYS: None



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Brian J. Champagne, Ronald L. Phillips, Terry Authement,
Curtis T. Johnson, Sr., Richard "Dickie" Duhe,
Bill Sirmon, Jr.

Monday August 17, 1998 6:00 P.M. Council Chambers, Courthouse
Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: 'Ram' Ramchandran, Barry Minnich, Ellis A. Alexander, Brian J. Champagne, Ron Phillips, Terry Authement, Curtis T. Johnson, Sr., Richard "Dickie" Duhe, Bill Sirmon
ABSENT: None
IN ATTENDANCE: Parish President Chris A. Tregre, Administrative Officer Timmy Vial, Legal Director Randy Lewis, Public Works/Wastewater Director Richard Wright, Waterworks Director Charles Toth, Community Services Director Henry Wolfe, Economic Development Director Corey Faucheux, Parks and Recreation Director Rusty Rebowe, Emergency Preparedness Director Tab Troxler

PUBLIC HEARING - SUMMARY NO. 4576 (8-3-98/C Tregre Department of Planning & Zoning)

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, through the provision of specific voting majority requirements on measures considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission

President Tregre explained the amendment will conform the requirements for a majority vote of the entire membership of the Commission.

Mr. Victor Buccola of Destrehan addressed the Council regarding the proposed amendment.

Council discussion

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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INTRODUCED BY: CHRIS TREGRE
PARISH PRESIDENT
(DEPT. OF PLANNING & ZONING)
An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, the St. Charles Parish Zoning Ordinance of 1981, through the provision of specific voting majority requirements on measures considered by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

WHEREAS, majority voting standards do not currently exist for actions taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the local significance of actions taken by the Planning & Zoning Commission warrant majority voting standards for that body.

THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Section IV. is hereby amended to provide the following subpart.

10 Planning & Zoning Commission Majority Voting Standard. A majority vote of the entire membership shall be necessary to decide any issue upon which the commission is empowered to pass under this Ordinance. In any case, majority voting shall be constituted by four (4) votes or more.

SECTION II. That the St. Charles Parish Code of Ordinances, Appendix C, Section I C. is hereby amended to state as follows:

Subdivider. Each subdivider should confer with the Planning Department Staff prior to preparing the tentative geometric layout of a subdivision to become familiar with the Subdivision Regulations and with the proposals of the overall development plan affecting the area in which the subdivision lies. The plats shall be prepared in accordance with these Subdivision Regulations.

Commission. The Commission shall investigate each subdivision presented to determine if the design and improvements conform to the Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Ordinances, and overall development plan of the Parish. The Commission shall require such changes as necessary to insure conformance to the Regulations and Ordinances of St. Charles Parish. A majority vote of the entire membership shall be necessary to decide any issue upon which the Commission is empowered to pass under this Ordinance. In any case, majority voting shall be constituted by four (4) votes or more.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was

as follows:

YEAS: RAMCHANDRAN, MINNICH, AUTHEMENT
NAYS: ALEXANDER, CHAMPAGNE, PHILLIPS, JOHNSON, DUHE
ABSENT: SIRMON

Mr. Authement announced that he pushed the wrong button and voted nay on the proposal.

Proposed ordinance FAILED for lack of a favorable majority. OF G.A.