

Local Licensing Authority

Agenda

January 26, 2026

Electronic Meeting Only

6:30 pm

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**
- 4. ACTION ON MINUTES**

A. December 1, 2025

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items on the Local Licensing Authority Agenda are considered routine by the Authority, and the Consent Agenda as a whole shall be approved not as individual items, accepted, etc. by motion of the Authority and roll call vote unless the Local Licensing Authority or Authority Member specifically requests such item be considered under "Authority Business". In such an event the item shall be removed from the "Consent Agenda" and Authority action taken separately on said item in the order appearing on the Agenda. Those items so approved under the heading "Consent Agenda" will appear in the Authority minutes in their proper order.

- A. Renewal Application: BCT LLC, DBA Bob's Sandwich Shop – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 820 Main St., #100
- B. Renewal Application: Cane Nero LLC, DBA Zucca Ristorante – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 808 Main St.
- C. Renewal Application: TAO Asian Inc, DBA BAO Asian Fusion & Sushi – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 594 S McCaslin Blvd.
- D. Renewal Application: Baebull Louisville Inc, DBA Home Cookin' Café – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 328 S McCaslin Blvd.
- E. Renewal Application: Tri City Elks Lodge No2541 Inc, DBA Tri City Elks Lodge 2541 – Club Liquor License – 525 Main St.

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- F. Renewal Application: Azul Fuego LLC, DBA Azul Fuego – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License - 1006 Pine St.
- G. Renewal Application: LSL LLC, Melting Pot Restaurant Louisville – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 732 Main St.
- H. Renewal Application: American Legion W Rhodes Post #111, DBA American LGN Walter Rhodes Post N 111 – Club Liquor License – 1150 Pine St.
- I. Renewal Application & Report of Changes / Manager: Relish LLC, DBA Relish – Entertainment Facility License – 550 S McCaslin Blvd., Unit B
- J. Report of Changes / Manager: Smashburger Acquisitions – Denver LLC, DBA Smashburger #1525 - Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 994 W. Dillon Road, Suite 500
- K. Report of Changes / Manager / Corporation: Ritika Corporation DBA Double Happy – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 740 Main St.

6. AUTHORITY BUSINESS

- A. Election of Officers
- B. Approval of Meeting Dates for 2026
- C. Approval of LLA Meeting Agenda Posting Places
- D. Approval of Annual Report

7. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

8. SECRETARY’S REPORT

- A. 2025 Open Government Pamphlet (provided to each board member in their packet)
- B. Status of John’s Table

9. AUTHORITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

10. AUTHORITY COMMENTS

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – February 23 at 6:30pm

- A. Show Cause Hearing – John’s Table

12. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT & REMOTE MEETING ACCESS	TRANSLATION SERVICES / SERVICIOS de TRADUCCION
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Local Licensing Authority

Meeting Minutes

December 01, 2025

Council Chambers

749 Main Street

6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER - Crowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL

Authority Members Present: Mike Crowe
John Carlson
Matt Machado
Rob Carpenter (*attended remotely*)
Derek Cole

Authority Members Absent: Elizabeth Kaufman

Staff Members Present: Travis Anderson, Revenue & Sales Tax Manager
Genny Kline, City Clerk
Melinda Culley, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carlson moved to approve the agenda; Cole seconded.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA AND ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

None

ACTION ON MINUTES

Minutes for October 27, 2025; September 24, 2025; August 25, 2025; July 28, 2025; June 23, 2025; April 28, 2025; March 24, 2025; February 24, 2025, meetings.

Carlson moved to approve the minutes of the noted meetings; Machado seconded.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Renewal Application: Phuket, LLC d/b/a Phuket, LLC – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 1156 West Dillon Road, #4
- B. Renewal Application: Well Balfour Tenant, LLC d/b/a The Residences at Balfour – Lodging Facility Liquor License – 1336 E Hecla Drive
- C. Renewal Application: Well Balfour Tenant, LLC d/b/a The Lodge at Balfour – Lodging Facility Liquor License – 1331 E Hecla Drive
- D. Renewal Application: Union Jack, Inc. d/b/a Union Jack Liquor – Retail Liquor Store License – 1160 South Boulder Road
- E. Renewal Application: Isidro Gonzales, Inc. d/b/a Old Santa Fe Mexican Grill – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 592 South McCaslin Blvd.
- F. Renewal Application: Shin Yuu Izakaya d/b/a Shin Yuu Izakaya – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 917 Front Street, #100
- G. Renewal Application: Relish, LLC d/b/a Relish – Entertainment Facility Liquor License – 550 South McCaslin Blvd., Unit B

Machado moved to approve the items on the consent agenda; Carlson seconded.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

AUTHORITY BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING / TRANSFER APPLICATION: Tikkaa House, LLC d/b/a Rasoi House by Spice Room – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 390 S McCaslin Blvd.

Crowe opened the public hearing for the license transfer application.

Crowe moved to make the entire application part of the record of the hearing; seconded by Machado.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

Applicant Kalyan Pant and attorney appeared to provide testimony in support of the application.

Crowe closed the public hearing.

Cole moved to approve the liquor license transfer to Tikkaa House, LLC d/b/a Rasoi House by Spice Room; seconded by Machado.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

DISCUSSION / DIRECTION: Citation for Failure to Report – J, K&J Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Henry's – Tavern Liquor License – 935 Pine Street

The Secretary informed the Authority that Court staff had informed her that one of the owners had been cited for failure to report a disturbance.

There was discussion among the members regarding action to be taken. Sgt. Kurtz did provide additional insight and information.

Machado moved to send a letter to the establishment; seconded by Carlson.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

DISCUSSION / DIRECTION: Sales Tax Delinquency – Center Table Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a John's Table Kitchen & Bar – Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License – 1700 Dogwood Street

The Secretary informed the Authority that there is an issue with the establishment remitting sales tax.

Travis Anderson, Revenue and Sales Tax Manager, provided additional information on the delinquency.

There was a brief discussion.

Carlson moved to order a show cause hearing for when practical in 2026; seconded by Crowe.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No additional information.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary informed the Authority that Carlson and Kaufman had applied and have been recommended for reappointment in January 2026 for another 4-year term. Crowe did not reapply and tonight will be his last meeting on the Licensing Authority. She thanked Crowe for his service and wished him well in his retirement adventures. Cole will be promoted to Full member, and the Associate member position will be vacant.

AUTHORITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

AUTHORITY COMMENTS

Machado thanked the PD for the report on Henry's.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – January 26, 2026, at 6:30pm

Will be in person as there will be a new secretary to introduce at the meeting. The meeting will also include the Election of Officers, meeting dates for 2026, posting places and the annual report.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no other business, Crowe moved to adjourn the meeting; Carlson seconded.

Aye: Crowe, Carlson, Carpenter, Machado, Cole

Nay: None

Absent: Kaufman

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
BTC, LLC DBA BOB'S SANDWICH SHOP
HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
820 MAIN STREET, #100

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

Yes	No	N/A	
✓			The premises is either owned by the applicant or a copy of the current lease is on file with the City Clerk's Office
✓			Proof of Server Training for the owner or current manager is on file with the City Clerk's Office
	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
✓			Sales Tax account with the City of Louisville is current

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal with no conditions.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
CANE NERO LLC, DBA ZUCCA RISTORANTE
HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
808 MAIN STREET

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

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	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal with no conditions.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
TAO ASIAN INC, DBA BAO ASIAN FUSION & SUSHI
HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
594 SOUTH MCCASLIN BOULEVARD

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal with no conditions.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
BAEBULL LOUISVILLE INC, DBA HOME COOKIN' CAFÉ
HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
328 S MCCASLIN BOULEVARD

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

Yes	No	N/A	
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	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
✓			Sales Tax account with the City of Louisville is current

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal with no conditions.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
TRI CITY ELKS LODGE NO2541 INC, DBA TRI CITY ELKS
LODGE 2541

CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE
525 MAIN STREET

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

Yes	No	N/A	
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	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
✓			Sales Tax account with the City of Louisville is current

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal upon server training.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
AZUL FUEGO LLC, DBA AZUL FUEGO
HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
1006 PINE STREET

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

Yes	No	N/A	
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	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
✓			Sales Tax account with the City of Louisville is current

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal upon server training.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
LSL LLC, DBA MELTING POT RESTAURANT LOUISVILLE
HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
732 MAIN STREET

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

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	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
✓			Sales Tax account with the City of Louisville is current

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal upon server training.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION
AMERICAN LEGION W RHODES POST #111, DBA AMERICAN
LGN WALTER RHODES POST N 111
CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE
1150 PINE STREET

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal with no conditions.

SUBJECT: RENEWAL APPLICATION & REPORT OF CHANGES /
MANAGER
RELISH LLC, DBA RELISH
ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY LIQUOR LICENSE
550 S MCASLIN BOULEVARD, UNIT B

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

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	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
✓			Sales Tax account with the City of Louisville is current

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal upon server training.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CHANGES / MANAGER
SMASHBURGER ACQUISITIONS DENVER LLC, DBA
SMASHBURGER #1525

HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
994 WEST DILLON ROAD, SUITE 500

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

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	✓		Incidents over the past year that required the filing of a police report
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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal with no conditions.

SUBJECT: REPORT OF CHANGES / MANAGER / CORPORATION
RITIKA CORPORATION DBA DOUBLE HAPPY
HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE
740 MAIN STREET

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ – AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

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	✓		Proof of Server Training for the owner or current manager is on file with the City Clerk's Office
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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve renewal upon server training.

SUBJECT: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ, AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

The Local Licensing Authority Bylaws (Article III, Section 5) requires the election of officers (Chair and Vice-Chair) to be conducted during the first meeting of each year. Those elected serve one-year terms.

Past Officers

Year	Chair	Vice-Chair
2025	Mike Crowe	John Carlson
2024	Elizabeth Kaufman	Mike Crowe
2023	Matt Machado	Marguerite Lipton
2022	John Carlson	Marguerite Lipton
2021	Elizabeth Kaufman	Nancy Newell

RECOMMENDATION:

Authority members must nominate a chair and vice-chair for the 2026 calendar year and confirm those nominations with a voice vote.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF MEETING DATES FOR 2026

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ, AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

Attached is the LLA meeting calendar for 2026.

There are three dates on the calendar that will require action by the Authority

- May 25 – this is Memorial Day and the City will be closed. Historically this meeting has been cancelled.
- November 23 – Thanksgiving week. Historically this meeting has been moved to the previous Monday (November 16).
- December 28 – The week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Historically this meeting has been cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Authority can either move these meetings to alternate dates, or cancel as voted on by the members.

2026

JANUARY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

MARCH

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

APRIL

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

MAY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

JUNE

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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JULY

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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AUGUST

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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30	31	1	2	3	4	5

SEPTEMBER

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3

OCTOBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

DECEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LLA MEETING AGENDA POSTING PLACES

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ, AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

The Local Licensing Authority must consider and approve agenda posting locations for the 2026 meetings. This ensures they are available for public review.

Currently agendas are posted in the following locations:

- Louisville City Hall
- Louisville Public Library
- Louisville Police Department / Court Building
- Louisville Recreation Center
- City website – www.LouisvilleCO.gov

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the above locations for posting of the 2026 Local Licensing Authority Agendas.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITY 2026 ANNUAL REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 26, 2026

PRESENTED BY: CHRISTINA FERNANDEZ, AUTHORITY SECRETARY

SUMMARY:

Per Louisville Municipal Code § 5.08.100(D) *“The Authority shall file a report with City Council setting forth the number of applications for licenses acted upon, the number of licenses granted and the number denied, and any other actions take by the Authority during the past year.”*

A draft copy of the 2025 Annual Report is attached for Authority review and action.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Authority may either approve the report as written or make amendments prior to approval.

Local Licensing Authority 2025 Annual Report

While the Louisville Local Licensing Authority experienced another active year in 2025 there was still a high level of compliance by liquor licensees. This is attributed to state and local licensing laws, as well as responsible licensees, patrons, and the Louisville Police Department. The city has established good working relationships with licensees and assists them in avoiding actual or potential non-compliance.

The Authority would like to recognize its appreciation of the Louisville Police Department for their time and commitment to the Authority and the community.

We would also like to acknowledge Melinda Culley, Kelly P.C., Attorney for the Authority, for her advice and counsel during 2025.

The Authority is fortunate to have the services of dedicated professionals and board members. In 2026 we look forward to continuing our efforts to maintain and improve licensing, outreach and enforcement efforts.

Elected Chair
Chair
Local Licensing Authority

MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY 2025

Mike Crowe – Chair

John Carlson – Vice Chair

Rob Carpenter

Elizabeth Kaufman

Matt Machado

Derek Cole - Associate Member Position

Attorney to the Authority

Melinda Culley, Kelly P.C.

Secretary to the Authority

Genny Kline, City Clerk

Police Department Representative

Sergeant Ben Kurtz

ACTION ITEMS

The Authority held 10 regularly scheduled meetings in 2025.

The Authority took the following actions in 2025:

- Renewal of Established Liquor Licenses – 62
- Approval of New Liquor Licenses – 2
- Transfer of Ownership for Liquor License – 2
- Special Event Liquor Licenses – 11
- Renewal of Established Marijuana Licenses – 6
- Transfer of a Retail Marijuana License – 1
- Retail Liquor Permits - 1
- Surrender of Liquor License – 0
- Tasting Permits Issued – 0
- Show Cause Hearings – 1

The Authority worked with 12 downtown restaurants to provide alcohol service on street patios and parklets starting in April through early November.

There was one instance of a violation by a licensee for failure to report a disturbance in a liquor licensed establishment. This resulted in a Show Cause hearing that resulted in a fine in lieu of three days of suspension.

The Authority wishes to extend its gratitude to the Louisville City Council for their ongoing support.

Approved by the Louisville Local Licensing Authority January 26, 2026.

Elected Chair

Chairperson

Local Licensing Authority

ATTEST:

Christina Fernandez

Deputy City Clerk / Authority Secretary



Open Government & Ethics Pamphlet 2026

This pamphlet is prepared pursuant to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Louisville.

This is a compilation of Articles 4 and 5 of the Charter of the City of Louisville and is available at all times in the City Clerk's Office, 749 Main Street, Louisville, Colorado, and on the City's web site at www.LouisvilleCO.gov. This pamphlet is also provided to every member of a public body at that body's first meeting each year.



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Citizen Participation in Government

The City of Louisville encourages citizen involvement and participation in its public policy process. There are many opportunities for citizens to be informed about and participate in City activities and decisions. All meetings of City Council, and of appointed Boards and Commissions, are open to the public and include an opportunity for public comments. No action or substantive discussion on an item may take place unless that item has been specifically listed as an agenda item for a regular or special meeting. Some opportunities for you to participate include:

Reading and inquiring about City Council activities and agenda items, and attending and speaking on topics of interest at public meetings

City Council Meetings:

- Regular meetings are generally held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall, 749 Main Street;
- Special meetings or Study sessions are generally held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall, 749 Main Street;
- Regular meetings include remote participation option via Zoom, are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 8, and are available on the City's website 48 hours after the meeting;
- Special meetings and Study Sessions also include remote participation option via Zoom and are available on the City's website 48 hours after the meeting
- Unless it is an emergency session, agendas are posted a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Meeting Agendas for City Council meetings, other than emergency special meetings, are posted a minimum of 72 hours prior to the meeting at the following locations:

- City Hall, 749 Main Street
- Police Department/Municipal Court, 992 West Via Appia
- Recreation/Senior Center, 900 West Via Appia
- Louisville Public Library, 951 Spruce Street
- City website at www.LouisvilleCO.gov

Meeting packets with all agenda-related materials for regular meetings are available 72 hours prior to each meeting and may be found at these locations:

- Louisville Public Library Reference Area, 951 Spruce Street,
- City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 749 Main Street,
- City website at www.LouisvilleCO.gov

You may receive eNotifications of City Council news as well as meeting agendas and summaries of City Council actions by registering for eNotifications on the City's web site at www.LouisvilleCO.gov. Meeting minutes of meetings are available in the City Clerk's office and on the City's website (www.LouisvilleCO.gov) once they are approved.

Information about City activities and projects, as well as City Council decisions, is included in the quarterly *Lantern* newsletter, mailed to all City residents and businesses. Information is also often included in the monthly eNewsletter.

Communicating Directly with the Mayor and City Council Members

Contact information for the Mayor and City Councilmembers is available at www.LouisvilleCO.gov as well as at City Hall, the Louisville Public Library, and the Recreation/Senior Center. You may email the Mayor and City Council as a group at Council@LouisvilleCO.gov

Mayor's Town Meetings and City Council Ward Meetings are scheduled periodically. These are informal meetings at which all residents, points of view, and issues are welcome. These meetings are advertised at City facilities and on the City's website (www.LouisvilleCO.gov).

Mayor and City Council Elections

City Council members are elected from three Wards within the City and serve staggered four-year terms. There are two Council representatives from each ward. The mayor is elected at-large and serves a four-year term. City Council elections are held in November of odd-numbered years. For information about City elections, including running for City Council, please contact the City Clerk's Office, at ClerksOffice@LouisvilleCO.gov or 303.335.4574.

Serving as an Appointed Member on a City Board or Commission

The City Council makes Board and Commission appointments annually. Some of the City's Boards and Commissions are advisory, others have some decision-making powers. The City Council refers questions and issues to these appointed officials for input and advice. (Please note the Youth Advisory Board has a separate appointment process.)

The City's Boards and Commissions are:

- Board of Adjustment
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Cultural Advisory Board
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Historical Museum Advisory Board
- Library Board of Trustees
- Local Licensing Authority
- Open Space Advisory Board
- Parks & Public Landscaping Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Revitalization Commission
- Sustainability Advisory Board
- Youth Advisory Board

Board information, meeting agendas, and schedules are available on the City's website (www.LouisvilleCO.gov). Agendas for all Board and Commission meetings are posted a minimum of 72 hours prior to each meeting at these locations:

- City Hall, 749 Main Street
- Police Department/Municipal Court, 992 West Via Appia
- Recreation/Senior Center, 900 West Via Appia
- Louisville Public Library, 951 Spruce Street
- City web site at www.LouisvilleCO.gov

Copies of meeting packets containing agenda- related materials are available at least 72 hours prior to each meeting and may be found at the following locations:

- Louisville Public Library Reference Area, 951 Spruce Street;
- City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 749 Main Street
- City web site at www.LouisvilleCO.gov

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission evaluates land use proposals against zoning laws and holds public hearings as outlined in City codes. Following a public hearing, the Commission makes a recommendation of approval or denial to the City Council for all land use proposals.

- Regular Planning Commission meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month.
- Overflow meetings are scheduled for 6:30 PM on the 4th Thursday of the month as needed.
- Study Sessions are held occasionally as needed.
- Regular meetings include a remote participation option via Zoom, are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 8, and are available on demand on the City's website.

Open Government Training

All City Council members and members of a permanent Board or Commission are required to participate in at least one City-sponsored open government-related seminar, workshop, or other training program at least once every two years.

Open Meetings

The City follows the Colorado Open Meetings Law ("Sunshine Law") as well as additional open meetings requirements found in the City's Home Rule Charter. These rules and practices apply to the City Council and appointed Boards and Commissions (referred to as a "public bodies" for ease of reference). Important open meetings rules and practices include the following:

Regular and Special Meetings

All meetings of three or more members of a public body (or a quorum, whichever is fewer) are open to the public.

All meetings of public bodies must be held in public buildings and public facilities accessible to all members of the public. Meetings may be held electronically under specific circumstances.

All meetings must be preceded by proper notice. Agendas and agenda-related materials are posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting at the following locations:

- City Hall, 749 Main Street
- Police Department/Municipal Court, 992 West Via Appia
- Recreation/Senior Center, 900 West Via Appia
- Louisville Public Library, 951 Spruce Street
- On the City web site at www.LouisvilleCO.gov

Study Sessions

Study sessions are also open to the public however, study sessions have a limited purpose:

- Study sessions are to obtain information and discuss matters in a less formal atmosphere;
- No preliminary or final decision or action may be made or taken at any study session; further, full debate and deliberation of a matter is to be reserved for formal meetings. If a person believes in good faith that a study session is proceeding contrary to these limitations, they may submit a written objection. The presiding officer will then review the objection and determine how the study session should proceed.
- A written summary of each study session is prepared and is available on the City's website.

Executive Sessions

The City Charter also sets out specific procedures and limitations on the use of executive sessions. These rules, found in Article 5 of the Charter, are intended to further the City policy that the activities of City government be conducted in public to the greatest extent feasible, in order to assure public participation and enhance public accountability. The City's rules regarding executive sessions include the following:

Timing and Procedures

The City Council and City Boards and Commissions may hold an executive session only at a regular or special meeting. No formal action of any type, and no informal or "straw" vote, may occur at any executive session. Rather, formal actions, such as the adoption of a proposed policy, position, rule or other action, may only occur in open session.

Prior to holding an executive session, there must be a public announcement of the request and the legal authority for convening in closed session. There must be a detailed and specific statement as to the topics to be discussed and the reasons for requesting the session.

The request must be approved by a supermajority (two-thirds of the full Council, Board, or Commission). Prior to voting on the request, the clerk reads a statement of the rules pertaining to executive sessions. Once in executive session, the limitations on the session must be discussed and the propriety of the session confirmed. If there are objections and/or concerns over the propriety of the session, those are to be resolved in open session.

Once the session is over, an announcement is made of any procedures that will follow from the session.

Executive sessions are recorded, with access to those tapes limited as provided by state law. Those state laws allow a judge to review the propriety of a session if in a court filing it is shown that there is a reasonable belief that the executive session went beyond its permitted scope. Executive session records are not available outside of a court proceeding.

Authorized Topics

For City Council, an executive session may be held only for discussion of the following topics:

- Matters where the information being discussed is required to be kept confidential by federal or state law;
- Certain personnel matters relating to employees directly appointed by the Council, and other personnel matters only upon request of the City Manager or Mayor for informational purposes only;
- Consideration of water rights and real property acquisitions and dispositions, but only as to appraisals and other value estimates and strategy for the acquisition or disposition; and
- Consultation with an attorney representing the City with respect to pending litigation. This includes cases that are actually filed as well as situations where the person requesting the executive session believes in good faith that a lawsuit may result, and allows for discussion of settlement strategies.

The City's Boards and Commissions may only hold an executive session for consultation with its attorney regarding pending litigation.

Ethics

Ethics are the foundation of good government. Louisville has adopted its own Code of Ethics, which is found in the City Charter and which applies to elected officials, public body members, and employees. The Louisville Code of Ethics applies in addition to any higher standards in state law. Louisville's position on ethics is perhaps best summarized in the following statement taken from the City Charter:

Those entrusted with positions in the City government must commit to adhering to the letter and spirit of the Code of Ethics. Only when the people are confident that those in positions of public responsibility are committed

to high levels of ethical and moral conduct, will they have faith that their government is acting for the good of the public. This faith in the motives of officers, public body members, and employees is critical for a harmonious and trusting relationship between the City government and the people it serves.

The City's Code of Ethics (Sections 5-6 through 5-17 of the Charter) is summarized in the following paragraphs. While the focus is to provide a general overview of the rules, it is important to note that all persons subject to the Code of Ethics must strive to follow both the letter and the spirit of the Code, so as to avoid not only actual violations, but public perceptions of violations. Indeed, perceptions of violations can have the same negative impact on public trust as actual violations.

Conflicts of Interest

One of the most common ethical rules visited in the local government arena is the "conflict of interest rule." While some technical aspects of the rule are discussed below, the general rule under the Code of Ethics is that if a Council, Board, or Commission member has an "interest" that will be affected by his or her "official action," then there is a conflict of interest and the member must:

- Disclose the conflict, on the record and with particularity;
- Not participate in the discussion;
- Leave the room; and
- Not attempt to influence others.

An "interest" is a pecuniary, property, or commercial benefit, or any other benefit the primary significance of which is economic gain or the avoidance of economic loss. However, an "interest" does not include any matter conferring similar benefits on all property or persons similarly situated. (Therefore, a City Council member is not prohibited from voting on a sales tax increase or decrease if the member's only interest is that he or she, like other residents, will be subject to the higher or lower tax.) Additionally, an "interest" does not include a stock interest of less than one percent of the company's outstanding shares.

The Code of Ethics extends the concept of prohibited interest to persons or entities with whom the member is associated. In particular, an interest of the following persons and entities is also an interest of the member: relatives (including persons related by blood or marriage to certain degrees, and others); a business in which the member is an officer, director, employee, partner, principal, member, or owner; and a business in which member owns more than one percent of outstanding shares.

The concept of an interest in a business applies to profit and nonprofit corporations, and applies in situations in which the official action would affect a business competitor. Additionally, an interest is deemed to continue for one year after the interest has ceased. Finally, "official action" for purposes of the conflict of interest rule, includes not only legislative actions, but also administrative actions and "quasi-judicial" proceedings where the entity is acting like a judge in applying rules to the specific rights of individuals (such as a variance request or liquor license). Thus, the conflict rules apply essentially to all types of actions a member may take.

Conflicts

In addition to its purchasing policies and other rules intended to secure contracts that are in the best interest of the City, the Code of Ethics prohibits various actions regarding contracts. For example, no public body member who has decision-making authority or influence over a City contract can have an interest in the contract, unless the member has complied with the disclosure and recusal rules. Further, members are not to appear before the City on behalf of other entities that hold a City contract, nor are they to solicit or accept employment from a contracting entity if it is related to the member's action on a contract with that entity.

Gifts and Nepotism

The Code of Ethics, as well as state law, regulates the receipt of gifts. City officials and employees may not solicit or accept a present or future gift, favor, discount, service or other thing of value from a party to a City contract, or from a person seeking to influence an official action. There is an exception for the "occasional nonpecuniary gift" of \$15 or less, but this exception does not apply if the gift, no matter how small, may be associated with the official's or employee's official action, whether concerning a contract or some other matter. The gift ban also extends to independent contractors who may exercise official actions on behalf of the City.

The Code of Ethics also prohibits common forms of nepotism. For example, no officer, public body member, or employee shall be responsible for employment matters concerning a relative. Nor can they influence compensation paid to a relative, and a relative of a current officer, public body member or employee cannot be hired unless certain personnel rules are followed.

Other Ethics Rules of Interest

Like state law, Louisville's Code of Ethics prohibits the use of non-public information for personal or private gain. It also prohibits acts of advantage or favoritism and, in that regard, prohibits special considerations, use of employee time for personal or private reasons, and use of City vehicles or equipment, except in same manner as available to any other person (or in manner that will substantially benefit City). The City also has a "revolving door" rule that prohibits elected officials from becoming City employees either during their time in office or for two years after leaving office. These and other rules of conduct are found in Section 5-9 of the Code of Ethics.

Disclosure, Enforcement, and Advisory Opinions

The Code of Ethics requires that those holding or running for City Council file a financial disclosure statement with the City Clerk. The statement must include, among other information, the person's employer and occupation, sources of income, and a list of business and property holdings.

The Code of Ethics provides fair and certain procedures for its enforcement. Complaints of violations may be filed with the City prosecutor; the complaint must be a detailed written and verified statement. If the complaint is against an elected or appointed official, it is forwarded to an independent judge who appoints a special, independent prosecutor for purposes of investigation and appropriate action. If against an employee, the City prosecutor will investigate the complaint and take appropriate action. In all cases, the person who is subject to the complaint is given the opportunity to provide information concerning the complaint.

Finally, the Code allows persons who are subject to the Code to request an advisory opinion if they are uncertain as to applicability of the Code to a particular situation, or as to the definition of terms used in the Code. Such requests are handled by an advisory judge, selected from a panel of independent, disinterested judges who have agreed to provide their services. This device allows persons who are subject to the Code to resolve uncertainty before acting, so that a proper course of conduct may be identified. Any person who requests and acts in accordance with an advisory opinion issued by an advisory judge is not subject to City penalty, unless material facts were omitted or misstated in the request. Advisory opinions are posted for public inspection; the advisory judge may order a delay in posting if the judge determines the delay is in the City's best interest.

Citizens are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office with any questions about the City's Code of Ethics or to request a copy. A copy of the Code is also available at the City's website (www.LouisvilleCO.gov).

Other Laws on Citizen Participation in Government

Preceding sections of this pamphlet describe Louisville's practices intended to further citizen participation in government. Those practices are intended to further dissemination of information and participation in the governing process. Some other laws of interest regarding citizen participation include:

Initiative and Referendum

The right to petition for municipal legislation is reserved to the citizens by the Colorado Constitution and the City Charter. An initiative is a petition for legislation brought directly by the citizens; a referendum is a petition brought by the citizens to refer to the voters a piece of legislation that has been approved by the City Council. In addition to these two petitioning procedures, the City Council may refer matters directly to the voters in the absence of any petition. Initiative and referendum petitions must concern municipal legislation—as opposed to administrative or other non-legislative matters. By law the City Clerk is the official responsible for many of the activities related to a petition process, such as approval of the petition forms, review of the signed petitions, and consideration of protests and other matters. There are minimum signature requirements for petitions to be moved to the ballot; in Louisville, an initiative petition must be signed by at least five percent of the total number of registered electors. A referendum petition must be signed by at least two and one-half percent of the registered electors.

Public Hearings

In addition to the opportunity afforded at each regular City Council meeting to comment on items not on the agenda, most City Council actions provide opportunity for public comment through a public hearing process. For example, the City Charter provides that a public hearing shall be held on every ordinance before its adoption. This includes opportunities for public comment prior to initial City Council discussion of the ordinance, as well as after Council's initial discussion but before action. Many actions of the City are required to be taken by ordinance, and thus this device allows for citizen public hearing comments on matters ranging from zoning ordinances to ordinances establishing offenses that are subject to enforcement through the municipal court.

Additionally, federal, state, and/or local law requires a public hearing on a number of matters irrespective of whether an ordinance is involved. For example, a public hearing is held on the City budget, the City Comprehensive Plan and similar plans, and a variety of site-specific or person-specific activities, such as annexations of land into the city, rezonings, special use permits, variances, and new liquor licenses. Anyone may provide comments during these hearings.

Public Records

Access to public records is an important aspect of citizen participation in government. Louisville follows the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) and the additional public records provisions in the City Charter. In particular, the Charter promotes the liberal construction of public records law, so as to promote the prompt disclosure of City records to citizens at no cost or no greater cost than the actual costs to the City.

The City Clerk is the custodian of the City's public records, except for police records which are handled by the Police Department. The City maintains a public policy on access to public records, which includes a records request form, a statement of fees, and other guidelines. No fee is charged for the inspection of records or for locating or making records available for copying, except in cases of voluminous requests or dated records, or when the time spent in locating records exceeds two hours. No fees are charged for the first 25 copies requested or for electronic records.

Many records, particularly those related to agenda items for City Council and current Board and Commission meetings, are available directly on the City's website (www.LouisvilleCO.gov). In addition to posting agenda-

related material, the City maintains a communication file (email) for the City Council which is available on the City's website (www.LouisvilleCO.gov).

CORA lists the categories of public records that are not generally open to public inspection. These include, for example, certain personnel records and information, financial and other information about users of City facilities, privileged information, medical records, letters of reference, and other items listed in detail in CORA. When public records are not made available, the custodian will specifically advise the requestor of the reason.

Citizens are encouraged to review the City's website (www.LouisvilleCo.gov) for information, and to contact the City with any questions regarding City records.

Public Involvement Policy

Public participation is an essential element of the City's representative form of government. To promote effective public participation City officials, advisory board members, staff and participants should all observe the following guiding principles, roles and responsibilities:

Guiding Principles for Public Involvement

Inclusive not Exclusive - Everyone's participation is welcome. Anyone with a known interest in the issue will be identified, invited and encouraged to be involved early in the process.

- *Voluntary Participation* - The process will seek the support of those participants willing to invest the time necessary to make it work.
- *Purpose Driven* - The process will be clearly linked to when and how decisions are made. These links will be communicated to participants.
- *Time, Financial and Legal Constraints* - The process will operate within an appropriate time frame and budget and observe existing legal and regulatory requirements.
- *Communication* - The process and its progress will be communicated to participants and the community at-large using appropriate methods and technologies.
- *Adaptability* - The process will be adaptable so that the level of public involvement is reflective of the magnitude of the issue and the needs of the participants.
- *Access to Information* - The process will provide participants with timely access to all relevant information in an understandable and user-friendly way. Education and training requirements will be considered.
- *Access to Decision Making* - The process will give participants the opportunity to influence decision making.
- *Respect for Diverse Interests* - The process will foster respect for the diverse values, interests and knowledge of those involved.
- *Accountability* - The process will reflect that participants are accountable to both their constituents and to the success of the process.
- *Evaluation* - The success and results of the process will be measured and evaluated.

Roles and Responsibilities - City Council

City Council is ultimately responsible to all the citizens of Louisville and must weigh each of its decisions accordingly. Councilors are responsible to their local constituents under the ward system; however they must carefully consider the concerns expressed by all parties. Council must ultimately meet the needs of the entire community—including current and future generations—and act in the best interests of the City as a whole.

During its review and decision-making process, Council has an obligation to recognize the efforts and activities that have preceded its deliberations. Council should have regard for the public involvement processes that have been completed in support or opposition of projects.

Roles and Responsibilities - City Staff and Advisory Boards

The City should be designed and run to meet the needs and priorities of its citizens. Staff and advisory boards must ensure the Guiding Principles direct their work. In addition to the Guiding Principles, staff and advisory boards are responsible for:

- ensuring that decisions and recommendations reflect the needs and desires of the community as a whole;
- pursuing public involvement with a positive spirit because it helps clarify those needs and desires and also adds value to projects;
- fostering long-term relationships based on respect and trust in all public involvement activities;
- encouraging positive working partnerships;
- ensuring that no participant or group is marginalized or ignored;
- drawing out the silent majority, the voiceless and the disempowered; and being familiar with a variety of public involvement techniques and the strengths and weaknesses of various approaches.

All Participants

The public is also accountable for the public involvement process and for the results it produces. All parties (including Council, advisory boards, staff, proponents, opponents and the public) are responsible for:

- working within the process in a cooperative and civil manner;
- focusing on real issues and not on furthering personal agendas;
- balancing personal concerns with the needs of the community as a whole;
- having realistic expectations;
- participating openly, honestly and constructively,
- offering ideas, suggestions and alternatives;
- listening carefully and actively considering everyone's perspectives;
- identifying their concerns and issues early in the process;
- providing their names and contact information if they want direct feedback;
- remembering that no single voice is more important than all others, and that there are diverse opinions to be considered;
- making every effort to work within the project schedule and if this is not possible, discussing this with the proponent without delay;
- recognizing that process schedules may be constrained by external factors such as limited funding, broader project schedules or legislative requirements;
- accepting some responsibility for keeping themselves aware of current issues, making others aware of project activities and soliciting their involvement and input; and
- considering that the quality of the outcome and how that outcome is achieved are both important.

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BOARD & COMMISSION

RULES OF PROCEDURE

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RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF LOUISVILLE, COLORADO

I. DEFINITIONS

“Advisory Board” means all of the following boards which are tasked with giving advice to the City Council as specified in their formation documents:

- Arts & Culture Advisory Board
- Historical Museum Advisory Board
- Library Board of Trustees
- Open Space Advisory Board
- Parks & Public Landscaping Advisory Board
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Revitalization Commission
- Sustainability Advisory Board
- Youth Advisory Board

“Charter” means the [Home Rule Charter of the City of Louisville, Colorado](#).

“Chair” means the member of the Board who presides over a meeting subject to Rule VII.B below.

“City” means the City of Louisville, Colorado.

“Code” means the Louisville Municipal Code.

“Board” means any of the following bodies:

- Arts & Culture Advisory Board
- Board of Adjustment
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Historical Museum Advisory Board
- Library Board of Trustees
- Local Licensing Authority
- Open Space Advisory Board
- Parks & Public Landscaping Advisory Board
- Planning Commission
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Revitalization Commission
- Sustainability Advisory Board
- Youth Advisory Board

“Board Member” means each member of a City board.

“Electronic Participation” means attendance at a meeting by computer, telephone, or other electronic means.

“Entire Board” means all current members of a board.

“Member of the Board” means each board member.

“Quasi-Judicial Board” means any of the following boards which have specific legal decision-making authority under the Charter or Code:

- Board of Adjustment
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Local Licensing Authority
- Planning Commission

“Rules” means the Board & Commission Rules of Procedure.

“Staff Liaison” means the City staff member assigned by the City Manager to assist the board and to ensure all rules and regulations are met.

II. AUTHORITY

The following Rules shall be in effect upon their adoption by the City Council until such time as they are amended or new Rules adopted.

In order to efficiently and effectively complete City business facing a Board, all meetings must be conducted in an orderly and respectful manner. These Rules are intended to provide guidelines for the procedures to be followed for the conduct of all Board meetings.

If any Rule, on its face or as applied, conflicts with applicable provisions of the [Home Rule Charter of the City of Louisville](#) or ordinances, those provisions shall apply and that Rule shall not. Nothing herein shall prevent a Board from adopting its own rules of procedure specific to its roles and responsibilities so long as they do not conflict with these Rules.

III. MEETING CIVILITY

- A. CIVILITY AMONG MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: The Board shall preserve reasonable order and decorum and confine members of the public to discussion of the questions under consideration.

During Board meetings, members shall preserve reasonable order and decorum and shall not delay or interrupt the proceedings or refuse to obey

the order of the Chair or the Rules. Every member of the Board desiring to speak shall address the Chair, and upon recognition by the Chair, shall confine themselves to the questions under debate. Once recognized, no member of the Board shall be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Chair or unless a point of order is raised by another member.

- B. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Members of the public desiring to address the Board on any item on the agenda shall be recognized by the Chair, state their names, and are requested to state their place of residence (by city, town, or county of residence). Each member of the public shall speak in an audible tone for the record.

IV. **GENERAL RULES**

- A. LOCATION: All in-person Board meetings shall take place in a public building that is accessible to members of the public, with or without reasonable accommodation in accordance with applicable law.
- B. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: All meetings, including those conducted by Electronic Participation pursuant to Section V.F, shall be open to the public. A Board may conduct executive sessions only in accordance with the Charter, Code, and applicable provisions of the Colorado Open Meetings Law.
- C. MEETING NOTICE: Notice for all meetings sessions shall be given as required by the Charter and as set by administrative rule. At the first regular meeting of every year, each Board shall designate the locations for posting of notices of its meetings.
- D. MINUTES: Minutes of each regular and special meeting shall be taken and retained permanently in the records of the City.
- E. QUORUM: A quorum is needed for the transaction of business at each meeting of a Board. A quorum shall be defined as a majority of the members of the Board holding office at the time of the meeting.
- F. ABSENCES: No member of the Board shall miss more than twenty-five percent (25%) of regular Board meetings during any calendar year. Missing more than twenty-five percent (25%) of meetings shall be cause for removal.
- G. APPLICABILITY OF THE OPEN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND CODE OF ETHICS: Each member of the Board shall adhere to the City's Open

Government Rules and the Code of Ethics (Charter Section 5-6).

- H. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST AND RECUSAL: Any member of the Board who has an interest in, or whose interest would be affected by, any proposed official action before the Board shall immediately and publicly disclose the nature and extent of the interest; shall not participate in any discussion or decision concerning the proposed action; shall not attempt to publicly or privately influence the Board, any public body, or any employee in connection with the action; and shall leave the room where the discussion or decision is taking place during the time the proposed action is being discussed and the decision is being made.
- I. CHAIR: The Chair is the member of the Board who presides over a Board meeting and shall do so according to these Rules and applicable law. The Chair serves as Chair of all Board meetings at which the Chair is present. In the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair will serve as Chair. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Board members will appoint one member to act as Chair for that meeting.

V. MEETINGS

- A. REGULAR MEETINGS: Each Board shall set a regular meeting schedule at the first meeting of each year identifying the date, time, and location of meetings.
- B. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: A committee meeting may be called if it can be properly noticed a minimum of 72 hours in advance. Committee meetings must meet all the same rules as a regular meeting.
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: A board may hold an executive session only for pending litigation and only with the City Attorney present.
- D. RESCHEDULING: A Board may reschedule meetings for dates and times outside its annual meeting schedule to avoid holidays, elections, and other matters, to achieve a quorum, or to allow for additional time for a meeting. To reschedule such meetings, the Board first must provide notice and approve of the proposal to reschedule.
- E. CANCELLATION: Any scheduled meeting may be cancelled by members or the Staff Liaison in the event there are no items for the board to discuss or in the event unforeseen emergent conditions exist which make conduct of the meeting impractical (for example, in the case of power outage) or travel to the meeting unduly hazardous (for example, in the case of blizzard conditions).

F. ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION: When it is feasible, an electronic attendance option shall be available for Board members, applicants, and members of the public including for quasi-judicial hearings. If it is not feasible due to technological or other reasons, the in person meeting shall continue if a quorum is present.

1. All meetings that have a remote attendance option will note that on the agenda and include information on the agenda about how to join the meeting electronically.
2. Board members and members of the public attending electronically shall participate in the meeting under the same rules as those in the room.
3. Public hearings on quasi-judicial matters may be taken during a meeting with Electronic Participation.

G. FULLY REMOTE MEETINGS: The Staff Liaison with input from the board members may, in their discretion, change board meetings to a fully remote setting if needed. If a fully remote meeting is scheduled, it must be properly noticed as such and public access options must be provided on the meeting agenda.

VI. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

- A. Each Board will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at the first meeting of the year. The City recommends the Chair and Vice-Chair be rotated among Board members each year.
- B. The Chair shall preside over meetings of the Board when present and able to perform these responsibilities. The Chair shall have the same voting powers as any Board member.
- C. The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of Chair when the Chair is absent or otherwise unable to perform the responsibilities of Chair.
- D. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Board members will appoint one member to act as Chair for that meeting.

VII. MEETING PROCEDURE

A. PREAMBLE

1. A bedrock principle of a representative democracy is notice of impending governmental action and an opportunity for members of the public and their representatives to be heard. Principles of good government include deep respect for citizens; prudent stewardship of public resources, including the time of its citizens, staff members and appointed officials; direction that is clear and decisive; and decision making that is reasonably consistent, equitable, flexible, and transparent.
2. Through the application of these Rules, the City intends to ensure that it balances the principles described in the previous section in a way that ensures robust debate and accountability of City government to its residents. To that end, these procedures are not meant to be employed for the purpose of unreasonable rigidity, surprise, suppression of competing views, or needless prolonging of action.

B. CHAIR'S DISCRETION & RIGHT OF APPEAL The Chair shall have reasonable discretion in the application of these procedures subject to section XI.A.

C. AGENDAS: Each board will have a formal agenda for each meeting. The agenda will be set by staff for quasi-judicial boards and set by the chair in conjunction with the staff liaison for advisory boards. Each agenda will be posted as required prior to the meeting. Items cannot be added to the agenda at the meeting.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS AT MEETINGS: All Board meetings, including Committee meetings, shall be open to the public. Members of the public shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard at Board meetings.

The following provisions apply to any section of the agenda where public comments are allowed.

1. Members of the public desiring to address the Board on any item on the agenda shall be recognized by the Chair, state their name, and are requested to state their place of residence (by city, town, or county of residence).

2. Each board will have a section on its agenda for “Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda.” Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
 3. Each Board will permit public comment on any item at the time such item is being discussed by the Board. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
 4. Multiple citizens may designate someone to speak for them and aggregate their three-minute limit time up to a maximum of six (6) minutes of speaking time for their designated spokesperson. Those pooling their time must be physically present, identify themselves, and designate their spokesperson. A designated spokesperson may not speak for more than one group.
 5. The Chair, the Staff Liaison, or a designated board member shall enforce compliance with the time limits, and time shall be kept on a public comment clock.
- E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Interested parties, or their authorized representatives, may address the Board by submitting written communication concerning any matter on the Board agenda. Such a written communication may be submitted by electronic mail or by addressing the communication to the Staff Liaison who will distribute copies to the Board. The communication will be entered into the record without the necessity of reading. A copy of the communication shall be posted at the meeting for the public to review. Anonymous written communications will not be accepted into the record.
- F. VOTING: For a motion to pass it requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board present.

VIII. EXPECTATIONS OF STAFF LIAISON

A. COMMUNICATION:

1. The Staff Liaison will provide Board members with direct, open, and transparent communication about city priorities, projects, and budget.
2. The Staff Liaison will act as the conduit of information from the Board to City Council and from City Council to the board.
3. The Staff Liaison will respond to emails, phone calls, and text messages from Board members within two (2) business days and will

communicate with the Board members if a response will take more than two (2) business days.

B. ADVOCACY: The Staff Liaison will advocate ideas to City staff and leadership on the Board's behalf. The Staff Liaison will advocate for budget requests and CIP requests from the Board through the City's established budget process.

C. MEETINGS:

1. The Staff Liaison with input from the Board chair will create and publish meeting agendas and packets in accordance with bylaws, rules, and schedule established by the City Clerk's Office.
2. The Staff Liaison will work with the Chair to ensure meetings are concise and do not run exceedingly long and to ensure the discussion is limited to those items on the agenda.
3. The Staff Liaison will attend all meetings, to the best of their ability. If the Staff Liaison cannot attend a Board meeting, an alternate staff liaison will be appointed and the Chair will be notified in advance.

D. COLLABORATION:

1. The Staff Liaison will include Board members, when appropriate, in relevant projects and planning processes.
2. The Staff Liaison will include Board members on relevant communications, when appropriate, with outside organizations and individuals.

IX. EXPECTATIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS

A. COMMUNICATION:

1. There will be open and consistent communication between Board members and the Staff Liaison.
2. Board members will not speak on behalf of the Board unless specifically appointed to do so by the Board. Board members will include the Staff Liaison on all communications with outside organizations.

3. The Staff Liaison is the point of contact for all City operations related to the Board. The Staff Liaison will bring in any additional City staff as necessary for Board projects.
4. The Staff Liaison or the City's Communications Division will create all memos, marketing, and outreach materials for the Board. Board members shall not use City logos or letterhead without City approval.
5. Board members shall not create social media accounts on behalf of the Board or speak on social media on behalf of the Board or City.
6. Board members will only contact their Staff Liaison through a dedicated City email address, office phone, or cell phone (including texting) and will not contact the Staff Liaison through their personal emails, social media, or personal cell phones.

B. ADVOCACY:

1. Board members will go through proper channels when advocating for Board projects.
2. Board members will adhere to all regulations of the Fair Campaign Practices Act as they relate to City elections.

C. MEETINGS:

1. Board members will attend all meetings, to the best of their ability. If a Board member cannot attend a meeting, the member will send communication via email to the Staff Liaison with as much advance notice as possible.
2. If a Board member would like an item on an agenda, the member will reach out in advance to the Staff Liaison and the Chair. Topics not included on the agenda may not be discussed at a meeting per the City Charter.
3. Board members will meet all packet deadlines as established by the Staff Liaison and the City Clerk's Office. Items that are late may be postponed to a later meeting.

X. QUASI-JUDICIAL ACTIONS

A. PROCESS:

1. Quasi-judicial decisions are a determination of the rights, duties or obligations of a specific individual or entity. Board members making quasi-judicial decisions must do so based on the facts developed at a public hearing and through the application of presently existing legal standards of policy considerations of the facts.
2. Legally reversible decisions are almost always based on a lack of due process or procedural irregularities

B. DUE PROCESS: A quasi-judicial public hearing must include property public notice, a meaningful opportunity for interested parties to be heard, and basic fairness in procedure.

C. PREPARATION: Board members will review the meeting packet prepared by staff, understand the scope of the hearing, and be familiar with the relevant decision criteria in a case. Board members must act as impartial decision makers

D. EX PARTE CONVERSATIONS: Board members will not speak with one side or the other before or outside of the hearing process. This includes via email. Board members will disclose any unavoidable “ex parte” conversations and participate only if they are sure they can still make an unbiased decision.

E. CONDUCTING THE HEARING: Follow uniform/consistent steps for all hearings.

- Introduce Item
- Call for Disclosures
- Open Public Hearing
- Staff Report
- Applicant Presentation
- Public Comment
- Questions by Board members
- Close Public Hearing
- Deliberations
- Action

Once a hearing is closed the Board will not re-open it to hear only certain individuals, if a hearing is re-opened anyone who has not already spoken

may have the opportunity to speak.

If the Board holds and closes a hearing at one meeting and deliberates at the next, the Board cannot reopen the hearing without providing additional notice.

F. MAKING THE DECISION

1. Board members shall not make their decision on the basis of irrelevant criteria. Board members shall not base a decision on things a member “knows” but did not “learn” at the hearing. Board members will not participate in the decision if they cannot be fair and unbiased.
2. A Board members shall not participate in the decision if they did not participate in the entire hearing.

If a public hearing is opened and then continued to a later meeting, a member who missed the first meeting may review the video and all materials from the first meeting and then participate in the next one. This should be disclosed at the hearing.

3. Board members should ask for staff advice if they are unsure of the decision they are being asked to make or if they are unsure of the applicable legal criteria.
4. If appropriate, a Board may make a tentative decision and direct staff to prepare a draft written decision.

XI. **PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

- A. POINTS OF ORDER: The Chair shall determine all points of order, subject to the rights of any member of the Board to appeal to the Board, in which case the point of order shall be resolved by vote of a majority of the members of Board present.
- B. RIGHT OF THE FLOOR: Any member of the Board desiring to speak shall be recognized by the Chair.
- C. MOTIONS: Motions may be made by any member of the Board, including the Chair, provided that before the Chair offers a motion, the opportunity for making a motion should be offered to other members of the Board. Any member of the Board, other than the person offering the motion, may second a motion.

D. PROCEDURES FOR MOTIONS: The following is the general procedure for making motions:

1. Before a motion can be considered or debated it must be seconded; however, no action taken shall be invalidated simply because a motion was not properly made, seconded or recorded.
2. Once the matter has been discussed and the Chair calls for a vote, no further discussion will be allowed; provided, however, that members of the Board may be allowed to explain their votes.

E. DISCUSSION: Board members shall confine themselves to the question under discussion. All discussion must be germane to the agenda item.

F. MOTION TO END DEBATE: Any member of the Board may make a motion to end debate (also known as “calling the question”). If such a motion is made and seconded, the Chair shall immediately call for a vote on the motion. If the motion is not approved by 2/3 of the members of the Board present and voting, the Chair shall allow for debate to continue. If the motion is approved, the Chair shall call for a motion on the matter under consideration.

G. ALL MEMBERS MAY SPEAK: Each member of the Board shall have the right to speak and ask questions prior to a vote.

H. AFTER VOTING: Once a vote has been taken on a motion, there shall be no further discussion on that motion unless a motion to reconsider is properly made, seconded, and adopted.

XII. REMOVAL FROM BOARD

(City Council Resolutions No. 16, Series 2009 & No. 59, Series 2016)

A. The City Council greatly appreciates the contributions made by City residents who volunteer their time to serve on the City’s various boards and commissions. In order to help encourage citizens to volunteer and to promote an environment in which participation is productive and rewarding, the Council expects all board and commission members to work in a cooperative, constructive and civil manner.

B. To help maintain this environment the City Council has established that, during the term of office, a board member shall be removed only for cause. Cause shall include but not be limited to:

1. Violation of city or state ethics laws;

2. Conviction of a felony or of any other crime involving moral turpitude;
3. Absence from more than 25 percent of the regular meetings in any 12-month period;
4. Inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office;
5. Knowing violation of any statute, ordinance, resolution, rule, policy or bylaw applicable to the board or commission;
6. Physical or mental disability rendering the board or commission member unable to perform his or her duties;
7. Knowing disclosure of confidential information, which is defined to mean information which is not available to the general public under applicable laws, ordinances and regulations, and which is obtained by reason of the board or commission member's position with the City;
8. Failure to maintain the qualifications of a board or commission member for the board or commission on which the member serves;
9. Behaving in a harassing, hostile, threatening or otherwise inappropriate manner, or unreasonably disrupting or interfering with the conduct of any meeting of a board or commission; or
10. Other grounds constituting cause as established by law.

C. The procedure for removal of a member of a City board or commission shall be as follows:

1. Any person who believes that there is cause to remove a member of a City board or commission as provided above shall present the evidence of such cause to the City Manager.
2. The City Manager (or their designee) shall review the evidence presented and conduct additional investigations as the City Manager deems necessary. If the City Manager determines there is sufficient evidence supporting further action, the City Manager shall contact the board or commission member who is the subject of the allegation, outline the allegation against the member and provide the member with an opportunity to respond to the allegation. After considering all information received, the City Manager shall make a

determination as to whether removal or other action is warranted.

3. If the City Manager determines there are grounds for removal, the City Manager shall present a proposed resolution for removal to the City Council for its consideration and action. The member shall be provided written notice of the grounds for removal and the time and place of the City Council's consideration of the matter, at which time the member may address the City Council regarding the grounds for removal. Removal of a member shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire City Council.
4. A member may resign from a board or commission at any time by providing a written resignation letter to the Mayor or City Manager. A resignation is effective upon submission or such later date as stated in the resignation letter, without requirement for acceptance thereof.