



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
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Meeting Minutes

ZONING CODE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

JEFF OSTERMAN, CHAIR

Joseph M. Dobbs, Jezamil Arroyo-Vega and Ed Richardson

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Wednesday, September 18, 2024

2:00 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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Meeting convened at 2:03 p.m.

Present 4 - Osterman, Richardson, Arroyo-Vega and Dobbs

Also present:

*Kristin Connelly, DCD Planning
India Gaar, BOZA*

1. [240432](#) A substitute ordinance relating to notification of common council members of application for licensure of a premises as a group home, group foster home or community living arrangement.

Sponsors: Ald. Spiker

Members said that they had no concerns, that current regulation implies there be notification sent to alderpersons, and that such notification would have no influence on meeting proceedings and/or outcomes.

Member Richardson moved that the proposed ordinance meets the criteria of legality and enforceability, administrative efficiency, and consistency with the format of the zoning code. There was no objection.

2. [240721](#) An ordinance relating to the membership of the board of zoning appeals (BOZA).

Sponsors: Ald. Perez

Chair Osterman said that the proposed ordinance will require that board membership include a licensed attorney to practice law in Wisconsin, a licensed architect in Wisconsin, an individual with a public safety background, and an individual with demonstrated interest in social welfare or housing issues.

Member Richardson said that State law requires a board member to be a licensed attorney, that the board currently has members possessing these qualifications, and

that it may be challenging in the future to find new members to satisfy these criteria.

Member Dobbs said that he had no legal concerns based on his analysis, the criteria are broad, and the criteria are currently being met by the composition of the board.

Member Dobbs questioned if one individual can fulfill multiple roles and the necessity for the criterion requiring an individual with demonstrated interest in social welfare or housing issues?

Chair Osterman replied. One member can fulfill multiple roles. The criterion requiring an individual with demonstrated interest in social welfare or housing issues must be explicit because it's possible a BOZA member may not prioritize these issues (e.g., a developer or community member more interested in code enforcement and property values).

Members and Ms. Connelly discussed new communication received conveying a request to hold off on review of the proposed ordinance from the sponsor's office due to legal concerns; however, no further details were provided on the legal concerns.

Ms. Gaar said that she had no issues with the proposed ordinance, as presented, but would like to know what the new legal concerns are.

Member Dobbs said that there may be legal concerns from his superiors that he may not be aware of.

Member Dobbs moved that the proposed ordinance, as presented, meets the criteria of administrative efficiency and consistency with the format of the zoning code but does not meet the criterion of legality and enforceability due to new legal concerns raised, lack of sufficient information on those concerns, and the need for further legal review. There was no objection.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant
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