



Department of City Development
City Plan Commission
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Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation

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To the Honorable Members of the
Zoning, Neighborhoods, and Development Committee
City of Milwaukee
City Hall, Room 301-B

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 240721 relates to the membership of the board of zoning appeals (BOZA). The board consists of 5 members and 2 alternate members appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the common council, for terms of 3 years. Board members are required to be residents of the city and hold no other public office or employment except that of a notary public. This file adds certain qualifications for appointed board members on the board of zoning appeals (BOZA). It requires that the board include:

1. An attorney licensed to practice law in Wisconsin. (current requirement)
2. An architect licensed in Wisconsin. (new requirement)
3. An individual with a background in public safety. (new requirement)
4. An individual with a demonstrated interest in social welfare or housing issues. (new requirement)

The Zoning Code Technical Committee met on September 18, 2024. It determined that the file met the criteria with respect to legality and enforceability, administrative efficiency, and consistency with the format of the zoning code, but further review by the City Attorney's Office was necessary to determine if the proposed file meets the third criterion, legality and enforceability. The City Attorney's Office subsequently determined that this criterion was met.

This item was heard by the City Plan Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 27, 2025, at which time, Pres. Perez, sponsor of the file, presented on the item. During discussion with Commissioners, it was confirmed that the intent is that the proposed requirement that the Board include a licensed architect could be met by an individual holding a landscape architecture license. The City Plan Commission recommended approval of this file.

Sincerely,

 for

Lafayette L. Crump
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

