



TO: Zoning Board of Appeals Members
Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary
Planning, Building & Development Director

DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR HEARINGS OF THE LAKE COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TO BE HELD BY AUDIO OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. The Governor of the State of Illinois has issued a disaster declaration related to public health concerns because of a disaster as defined in Section 4 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act and all of Lake County is covered by the disaster area. In light of such disaster declaration, and in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2), I hereby determine that:
 - a. In-person meetings and hearings of the Lake County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) conducted under the otherwise applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Act, are generally not practical or prudent because of such disaster, and
 - b. The current disaster declaration issued by the Governor as of December 11, 2020 provides that for purposes of Section 120/7(e)(4), in-person attendance by members of the public is generally feasible, however, attendance is limited to the number of persons that are practicable in keeping with social distancing requirements of the regular or alternate meeting locations not to exceed 10 persons.
2. Therefore, in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) during the pendency of the Governor's current declaration of disaster:
 - a. Meetings of the ZBA will be conducted exclusively by audio or video conference, without the Members' physical presence at the regular or any alternate meeting location.
 - b. A physical quorum of the ZBA members is not required at the regular or any alternate meeting location); however, when a physical quorum is not required, at least one member of the ZBA, the ZBA's legal counsel, or the ZBA Secretary or a designee, will be present at the regular or any alternate meeting location.
 - c. Any members of the public or board may be present at the regular or any alternate meeting location, while at all times practicing social distancing and wearing a face covering at all times, will be able to participate in public comment and hear all discussion, testimony and all votes of the members of the public body.

Dated as of the 15th of December, 2020.

Gregory Koeppen,
Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals