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CITY OF TRENTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

There is an open position on the City of Trenton Board on Zoning Appeals (BZA) and the City is seeking interested residents who would like to serve on the BZA.

There are 5 members of the BZA. They have to be residents of the City of Trenton, will serve a 4 year term and are appointed by City Council.

According to section 6.081 of the City code, the duties of the BZA are as follows:

“The Board shall have the power to hear and determine appeals on refusal of building permits and to permit exceptions to and variations from the zoning regulations in individual cases and may be required to afford justice and avoid unreasonable hardship to property owners. The standards in all instances to be applied by the Board shall be established by ordinance of Council.”

As well, section 1246.02 of the City code states:

“The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the following jurisdiction:

(a) Administrative Appeal. To hear and decide an appeal of the decision of the Zoning Administrator’s order, requirement, decision or determination in the enforcement of the provisions of the Zoning Code.

(b) Variance.

(1) To hear and decide applications for variances from the dimensional standards applicable to lots, buildings and structures, consistent with Section [1246.04](#) of this Zoning Code. See definitions of “Variance” and “Practical Difficulty” as set forth in Section [1242.01](#).

(2) The Board of Zoning Appeals is without authority to consider variances within Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning districts, because the Planning Commission maintains continuing jurisdiction over such districts once they are established.

(c) Other matters as assigned by ordinance.”

Members of the BZA need no particular skills to be a member of the BZA. The BZA currently meets on the 4th Monday of the month and only if there is a need for a meeting.

If you are interested, please prepare a short resume and email it to bjones@cityoftrenton.com . We will be accepting resumes until the end of the business day on May 24, 2021.

If you have questions or would like to further discuss the open position, you can contact me by any method listed below.

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