

## Sec. 10-5 Public Hearing.

### Sec. 10-5.1 Notice of Hearing Shall be Given.

Before making its decision on any appeal, request for permission to establish a use, request for a variance, or on any other matter within the Board of Appeals' purview, said Board shall hold a public hearing thereon. At least 15 days notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be sent to the appellant or petitioner, to the Planning Commission, to the Zoning Administrator, and to the owner of all properties either adjoining the property with which the hearing is concerned or situated directly across a public right-of-way from said property. Such notice shall contain the name of the appellant or petitioner, the date, time, and place fixed for the hearing and a brief statement of the error alleged by the appellant, or of the variance, use requiring special approval, or other relief requested.

### Sec. 10-5.2 Erection of Sign.

At least 15 days prior to the date of the scheduled public hearing of an appeal, the applicant shall erect a sign, to be furnished by the Zoning Administrator, on the land with which the appeal is concerned. This sign shall be nonreturnable, weather-resistant or equal, shall have a minimum size of 30 x 40 inches, show the application number, the type of relief sought, the scheduled date, time, and place of public hearing, and the telephone number to call for further information. Once the petition is disposed of, the applicant must remove and dispose of the sign within ten (10) days.

### Sec. 10-5.3 Adjournment of Hearing.

Hearings may be adjourned from time to time and, if the time and place of the continued hearing be publicly announced at the time of the adjournment, no further notice of such continued hearing shall be required; otherwise, notice thereof shall be given, as in the case of the original hearing.

### Sec. 10-5.4 Who May Appear.

Any party may appear at the public hearing in person or by agent or by attorney.

### Sec. 10-5.5 Public Notice in Newspaper.

The Board of Appeals shall give public notice of the hearing in a newspaper published and circulated in Chatham County by advertisement published at least five days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Sec. 10-5.6 Rehearings.

An application for a rehearing may be made in the same manner as provided for an original hearing.

Sec. 10-5.7 Time Limit on Board's Decision.

The Board of Appeals shall reach a decision following a public hearing within a reasonable period of time; however, said period shall not exceed 30 days.