

AREA PLAN COMMISSION

RULES OF PROCEDURE

2019

RULES OF THE
WARRICK COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Warrick County Area Plan Commission is required by IC 36-7-4-401 (a) to supervise and make rules for the administration of the affairs of the Commission; prescribe uniform rules pertaining to the investigation and hearings; keep a complete record of all the departmental proceedings; record and file all bonds and contracts and assume responsibility for the custody and preservation of all papers and documents of the Commission; prepare, publish and distribute reports, ordinances, and other material relating to its activities; adopt a seal; and certify to all official acts; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required by IC 36-7-3-11 (c), IC 36-7-4-604 (c) and (d) to adopt rules to determine who are interested parties for purposes of conducting a public hearing on the certification of a zoning ordinance under IC 36-7-4-605, how notice is to be given to these persons, who is required to give that notice, and to govern the conduct of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required by IC 36-7-4-705 and IC 36-7-4-706 to adopt rules prescribing the procedures for setting hearing dates for the primary approval of subdivision plats and for the conduct of those hearings; to determine who are interested parties, how notice is to be given to them, and who is required to give that notice; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required by IC 36-7-4-709 to adopt rules prescribing the procedure for determining whether all improvements and installations in a subdivision plat eligible for secondary approval under IC 36-7-4-710 have been constructed and completed as required by the Subdivision Control Ordinance and who is responsible for making that determination; and

WHEREAS, the Commission determines that its rules should be organized and stated in a coherent fashion and be made readily available to those persons appearing before it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AREA PLAN COMMISSION OF WARRICK COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE ADOPTED:

RULE 1

DEFINITIONS AND CITATION FORM

1.1_ Definitions;

These definitions apply to each provision of the rules.

1.2 Commission - Defined:

Commission means the Warrick County Area Plan Commission.

1.3 Executive Director - Defined:

Executive Director means the duly appointed Executive Director of the Commission.

1.4 President - Defined:

President means the President of the Commission.

1.5 Secretary - Defined:

Secretary means the Secretary of the Commission.

1.6 Vice-President - Defined:

Vice-President means the Vice-President of the Commission.

1.7 Attorney - Defined:

Attorney means the attorney appointed by the Area Plan Commission.

1.8 Plat Review Committee - Defined:

Plat Review Committee means a five (5) member committee appointed by the Commission for the review of plats and granting the approval of minor subdivisions.

1.9 Citation:

These rules shall be cited as "Warrick County Area Plan Commission rule(s) 0.0".

RULE 2

OFFICERS AND STAFF

2.1 Election of Officers:

- (1) The officers of the Commission are the President and Vice-President.
- (2) The officers of the Commission shall be elected at the first regular hearing of the Commission in each year.
- (3) The person serving as presiding officer of the Commission at the last hearing of the proceeding year shall entertain nominations for each office chosen under these rules.

- (4) Whenever a candidate receives a majority vote of the entire membership of the Commission, that person shall be declared elected.
- (5) Each officer elected under these rules shall enter into office immediately upon being declared elected and shall serve until his successor is declared elected at the first hearing of the following year, or until the officer is no longer a member of the Commission.
- (6) Whenever any office becomes vacant, the Commission shall elect a successor at its next regular hearing to complete the remainder of the unexpired term.

2.2 President:

- (a) The President shall preside over all regular and special hearings of the Commission.
- (b) The President may participate in the discussion of all matters before the Commission and vote on any question before the Commission.
- (c) The President shall sign all official documents on behalf of the Commission.

2.3 Vice-President and President Pro Tempore:

- (a) The Vice-President shall act as President during the absence or disability of that officer.
- (b) The Commission shall elect a President pro tempore from among its members if both the President and Vice-President are absent or disabled.

2.4 Secretary:

- (a) The Plan Commission may appoint and fix duties of a Secretary who is not required to be a member of the Commission.

2.5 Seal:

- (a) The Commission adopts a seal with the caption "THE SEAL OF THE WARRICK COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION."
- (b) The Secretary shall employ the seal to certify to all official acts of the Commission.

2.6 Executive Director:

- (a) The Area Plan Commission shall appoint an Executive Director for the planning department and fix the Director's compensation. To be qualified for the position, the Executive Director must have training and experience in the field of planning and zoning. The Commission may not give any consideration to political affiliation of the Executive Director.
- (b) Duties of the Executive Director - Under the direction of the Commission the Executive Director shall:

- (1) Propose annually a plan for the operation of the Planning Department.
- (2) Administer the plan as approved by the Commission.
- (3) Supervise the general administration of the Planning Department.
- (4) Keep the records of the Planning Department and be responsible for the custody and preservation of all papers and documents of the Planning Department.
- (5) Subject to the approval of the Commission, appoint and remove the employees of the Planning Department, according to the standards and qualifications fixed by the Commission and without regard to political affiliation.
- (6) Prepare and present to the Commission an annual report.
- (7) Perform such other duties as the Commission may direct.

2.7 Employees

- (a) The Commission may employ all employees necessary to discharge the duties and responsibilities of the Commission. The Commission shall prescribe the qualifications of and fix the compensation of the employees of the Planning Department, upon recommendation of the Executive Director, which compensation must conform to salaries and compensations fixed before that time by the county fiscal body. The Commission shall delegate authority to its employees to perform ministerial acts in all cases except where final acting of the Commission is required by the Area Planning Law.
- (b) The staff of the Commission, the Executive Director and the Secretary shall be hired, retained, promoted and discharged without regard to age, ancestry, color, handicap, national origin, race, religion, sex, or political affiliation.

2.8 Committees:

- (a) The President may appoint special committees for any purpose and for any term subject to the approval of the Commission.

2.9 Attorney:

- (a) The Attorney shall be appointed by the Area Plan Commission and with the approval of the Executive Director. The Attorney is not to offer legal opinions to individuals or attorneys without the request being made by the Area Plan Commission Executive Director and/or Board members on matters relating to Plan Commission business.

2.10 Plat Review Committee:

- (a) The Plat Review Committee shall be a five member committee appointed by the Commission consisting of the Executive Director, County Highway Engineer, County

Surveyor, County Sanitarian and one member of the Commission. This Committee will review plats and approve minor subdivisions.

RULE 3

MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.1 Application:

This Rule applies to all public hearings required by State Law or by the Warrick County Area Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Control Ordinance and to all regular and special hearings of the Commission.

3.2 General Rules:

- (a) No action taken by the Commission is official unless authorized by a majority of the membership of the Commission at a regular or properly called special hearing.
- (b) All hearings at which official action is taken shall be open to the general public.
- (c) The Agenda shall list all items to be considered by the Commission at the regular or special hearing. The items shall be listed on the Agenda in the order in which the petition or other document was filed with the staff. No item shall be considered by the Commission unless it appears on the Agenda. No item can be placed on the Agenda unless a petition or application has been filed. Any petitioner may withdraw any petition prior to the hearing at which it was to be considered by written request.
- (d) The Agenda shall be sent by U.S. mail or via e-mail to all members of the Commission and shall be available for public inspection at the Commission office no later than two days before any regular hearing.
- (e) The Board shall only consider zoning complaints that are submitted in writing to staff. No anonymous complaints will be acted upon.

3.3 Quorum and Voting:

- (a) A majority of the entire membership of the Commission constitutes a quorum.

3.4 Regular Hearing:

- (a) The Commission shall conduct its regular hearings on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Third Floor, Courthouse, Boonville, Indiana.
- (b) If the date of a regular hearing falls on a legal holiday recognized by Warrick County, or if it is impossible to conduct the hearing at that time or place, the President may set an alternative date, time or place for the regular hearing or may cancel the hearing with the unanimous consent of the members of the Commission,

so long as the President complies with the requirements of the State Open Door Law (IC 5-14-1.5).

3.5 Special Hearings:

- (a) Special hearings may be called by the President or by any two members of the Commission upon written request to the Secretary.
- (b) The notice for the hearing shall specify its purpose. No other business may be considered at that hearing except by unanimous consent of the Commission.
- (c) The Secretary shall notify all members of the Commission in writing or via e-mail not less than two days in advance of any special hearing and shall arrange for all notice required under the State Open Door Law (IC 5-14-1.5).
- (d) The order of business for special hearings shall be:
 - (1) Call to order
 - (2) Roll call
 - (3) Determination of quorum
 - (4) The business for which the special hearing was called
 - (5) Adjournment

3.6 Public Hearings:

- (a) The Commission may conduct a public hearing as a part of any regular or special hearing or at any other place or time if the notice required by state law is given.
- (b) In addition to those required by law, the Commission may, at its discretion, hold public hearings when it decides that hearing will be in the public interest.
- (c) Notice of all hearings shall be published in the Boonville Standard at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing (IC-5-3-1).

3.7 Procedure for Debate and Presentations:

- (a) The President may impose reasonable limits upon the time for consideration of any item upon the Commission Agenda or upon the presentation by any individual so that adequate time is afforded to opponents and proponents of any petition or other item before the Commission.
- (b) The President shall preserve order and may warn any member or person present that particular conduct is a breach of courtesy. If any member persists in this conduct following the warning the Commission may vote to censure the offending member. If any other person present persists in this conduct following the warning, the President may order that person to be expelled from the hearing.
- (c) The petitioner and owner of record or legal representative, either an Attorney at Law or an Attorney in Fact (provided the Power of Attorney has been recorded in the office of the Warrick County Recorder and copy provided to the Commission) must appear before the Commission for the case to be considered.
- (d) The Commission Staff must be informed in writing prior to the hearing if the

petitioner or property owner desires an extension of time. The Commission shall determine at the hearing whether the petitioner's request should be granted. If a petitioner or property owner fails to appear without sufficient reason, the Commission may dismiss the petition.

- (e) Any person may appear in person or counsel to participate in a discussion of an item before the Commission or to present a petition or remonstrance to the Commission.
- (f) Any person wishing to speak for or against an application must step to the podium and state their name and address. The president may require any person wishing to speak for or against an application to register with the Secretary.
- (g) The President shall determine the admissibility of any evidence before the Commission.
- (h) The hearing on each item shall be conducted in the following order:
 1. The President reads the application from the Agenda and asks that the petitioner, owners of record or their legal representatives come forward to the podium and state their names for the record.
 2. The applicants must submit to the Secretary the green return receipts from the certified mailing return receipt requested to the abutting property owners which was a notice of the petition having been filed and the date, time, and place of the public hearing. Return receipts for primary plats must be submitted by noon on Thursday before the hearing and by noon the day of the hearing for all other petitions. Any unclaimed certified mail return receipt requested may also be submitted. If return receipt or unclaimed mail has not yet been returned from the Post Office, applicant may submit receipt of mailing (certified mail return receipt requested) provided copies of the Real Estate Transfer Card from the County Auditor's Office is also provided as proof of correct mailing per their records. This shall suffice as proof of providing adequate notice and the application shall be considered; however, the applicant must submit to the Area Plan Commission Office any return receipts or unopened, returned certified mail once it is returned to the applicant to be placed in the permanent file. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!** If the above requirements are not met, the application will be postponed until the next regularly scheduled hearing.
 3. The Secretary reports on whether or not all return receipts have been submitted and the President determines if the petition is to proceed, proof being furnished of proper notice.
 4. The Executive Director gives a staff report and explains the size of the parcel being considered and its general location; explains the nature of the case and provides to the Commission any information felt relevant to the consideration of the petition.
 5. The Petitioner presents facts relating to the case. The Board's guideline is to limit the presentation to twenty (20) minutes, this includes any rebuttal.
 6. The Commission members direct questions to the petitioner. There is no time

limit on this phase of the hearing.

7. The President asks for remonstrators. The Board's guideline is to limit the remonstrance to twenty (20) minutes and no repetitive comments will be entertained and proper decorum must be observed.
8. The Executive Director reads any written letters in support and/or in opposition received prior to the public hearing. Written objections and/or letters of support to be read are not to be duplicated orally at the hearing by the same individual having submitted the written objection or letter of support.
9. The President shall conclude the public hearing and call for a motion on the item before the Commission.

3.8 Continuances:

- (a) **The property owner may request a continuance to a regularly scheduled hearing, not to exceed a period which would be the next three (3) regularly scheduled hearings. If the request exceeds this total time period they must re-notice adjacent property owners and pay the continuance fee as established.**
- (b) Any application not receiving official action due to not receiving a majority vote of the membership will automatically carry over to the next Commission regular hearing unless the applicant requests to withdraw the petition. This action shall be limited to no more than 2 carry overs and if official action is still not received the application shall be considered not approved and taken off the Agenda.

3.9 Procedural Rules:

The most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all hearings and public hearings except to the extent that it conflicts with Warrick County Law or these Rules.

3.10 Replacement Ordinance Notice:

- (a) For purpose of a replacement Zoning and/or Subdivision Ordinance or an amendment or partial appeal of text of Zoning Ordinance or Subdivision Ordinance under IC 36-7-4-604 (c), all citizens of Warrick County are interested parties.
- (b) The Executive Director is required to give due notice under IC 36-7-4-604 (c) by procuring the publication of the notices required by 36-7-4-604 at least ten (10) days before the hearing is conducted on the replacement Ordinance.

RULE 4

REZONING AMENDMENTS - NOTICE AND PROCEDURE

4.1 Applications:

- (a) Every petitioner for a rezoning amendment shall complete an application available in the office of the Commission. All information requested on the application instruction sheet shall be furnished at the time of filing.
- (b) The application must be signed by the petitioner and owner of record or by an Attorney in Fact which is an individual that has been given Power of Attorney to sign petitions, attend public hearings, etc. all relating to the rezoning petition. Any Power of Attorney must be recorded in the Warrick County Recorder's Office prior to the hearing with a copy submitted to the Commission staff.

4.2 Filing Requirements:

- (a) Every petition to rezone property must be filed with the Commission staff no later than four (4) weeks prior to its consideration by the Commission. If rezoning property to Agriculture, CON, R-1, R-A, R-1B, R-1C, R-1D, R-2, R-2A, R-2B, R-3, R-O, or R-MH, a filing fee **\$200** for acreage under 2 acres; **\$350** for acreage over 2 acres and under 5 acres; **\$500** for five acres or more must be paid at the time of filing. If rezoning to a PUD, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, W-R, W-I, M-1, M-2 or M-3, a filing fee of **\$250** for acreage under 2 acres; **\$500** for acreage over 2 acres and under 5 acres; **\$750** for five acres or more must be paid at the time of filing. There shall be no refund of filing fee.

4.3 Notice Requirements:

- (a) All persons with a legal interest in the property to be rezoned and all record title owners whose property abuts the subject property are interested parties. Abutting property owners is defined in the Ordinance as follows:

ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS:

Record title owners whose property is contiguous to the subject property, including any property that would touch at any point the subject property, ignoring all rights of way, easements and alleys, including property owned by a governmental body for the primary purpose of a road way. For the purpose of notifying abutting property owners if only a portion of a parcel of real estate is being considered at the public hearing, and with the remaining portion owned by the same property owner, then the abutting property owner to the entire parcel shall be notified, except that when the abutting property owner's real estate is 500 feet or more distant from the part of the real estate being considered, no notification shall be required. However, if the subject matter of the proposal abuts or includes a county line (or a county line street or road or county

line body of water) then all owners of real property to a depth of two (2) ownerships or one-eighth (1/8) of a mile into the adjacent county, whichever is less, are interested parties who must receive notice.

- (b) Adequate notice is provided under these rules if:
1. The Petitioner shall send to all abutting property owners by certified mail with return receipt requested a notice of the filing of rezoning application on a form provided by the Commission staff at least twenty-one (21) days before the hearing date. Abutting property owners names and mailing addresses are to be obtained from the Real Estate Transfer Card in the County Auditor's Office for Warrick County residents and should it require notice to real estate owners in adjacent Counties, names and address must be obtained by the procedure as set forth in that County. The notice must state the date, time and place of the hearing, the name of the petitioner, owner of record, the complete legal description of the subject property plus a general location description deemed adequate by the Executive Director.
 2. The Executive Director shall have published a notice of the public hearing in the Boonville Standard at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing (IC 5-3-1-2). The notice must state the date, time, and place of the hearing, the name of the petitioner, the owner of record, a short legal description of the subject property plus a general location description deemed adequate by the Executive Director. It also must state where a copy of the proposal is on file for public examination before the hearing, that written objections to the proposal that are filed with the Secretary of the Commission before the hearing will be considered, that oral comments concerning the proposal will be heard and that the hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

NOTE: If the rezoning petition is approved by the County Commissioners, the rezoning ordinance with the complete legal descriptions shall be published in the Boonville Standard prior to it being recorded in the office of the Warrick County Recorder.

4.4 Amending of Petitions:

- (a) Change of ownership of subject property:
1. If the petitioner and the owner of record are not the same at the time of filing of the petition, but, if during the hearing process the petitioner receives a warranty deed and becomes the owner of record and all other aspects of the petition remain the same, the petitioner must make a report to the Commission he is not the petitioner AND owner of record and furnish a copy of the warranty deed to be placed of record with the petition. A filing fee of

an amended petition is not required.

- (b) Request to amend petition to a lesser zoning classification than advertised and noticed.
 - 1. A petitioner may request the Commission to allow him to amend the subject petition to a lesser classification than advertised at the hearing if all other aspects of the petition remain the same. The Commission may grant this request without re-advertising or notification to abutting property owners.
- (c) Request to amend petition to a lesser area than advertised and noticed.
 - 1. A petitioner may request the Commission to allow him to amend the subject petition to a lesser area than was advertised provided the lesser area is within the bounds of the advertised area and all other aspects of the petition remain the same. The Commission may grant this request without re-advertising or notification to abutting property owners.

4.5 Report and Determination:

The Commission, following the conclusion of the public hearing required by State Law, shall state its recommendation concerning the proposed rezoning ordinance by certification to the legislative body within ten (10) business days after making its recommendation. The proposal may be certified with a favorable recommendation, and unfavorable recommendation, or no recommendation from the Commission.

4.6 Reconsideration:

Whenever the Commission has taken action to recommend denial of a petition for rezoning the Commission shall not consider any further petition for the same rezoning of any part of the same property for a period of six (6) months from the date of such action. However, should the Board of County Commissioners refer a rezoning recommendation back to the Plan Commissioner recommending an amendment of a lesser zoning or area or a reconsideration of the Area Plan Commission's recommendation due to additional evidence being presented at the Board of County Commissioner's hearing, this section does not apply and the Area Plan Commission can reconsider an original filed petition which the Board of County Commissioners has referred back to the Area Plan Commission for reconsideration. Further petition means a complete new filing of another petition.

The County's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance has a provision that whenever the Board of County Commissioners has changed the zoning of property by an amendatory ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners shall not consider any

petition for rezoning of any part of the same property for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of the amendatory ordinance. Therefore, the Commission shall not consider any petition for rezoning of all or any part of property that the Board of County Commissioners has changed the zoning of that property by amendatory ordinance for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of that ordinance.

RULE 5

PLAT APPROVAL AND VACATIONS - NOTICE AND PROCEDURE

5.1 Applications:

- (a) Every petitioner for a subdivision primary plat approval or for a vacation of a plat shall complete an application supplied by the Commission. The requirements for filing and the accompanying documents required at the time of filing is set forth in the County's Subdivision Control Ordinance.

5.2 Filing Requirements:

- (a) Every petition for primary plat approval or vacation shall be filed in the office of the Commission at least 30 days prior to any consideration by the Commission. The filing fee is set forth in the Subdivision Control Ordinance.
- (b) Street construction plans required as a part of the subdivision primary plat filing will be taken to the office of the County Highway Engineer for review and drainage plans, also required at the time of filing, will be taken to the County Surveyor for review immediately by the Commission staff once they are received in the Commission Office.
- (c) The Plat Review Committee shall review the subdivision primary plat for technical conformity with the Subdivision Control Ordinance and within 30 days after the plat has been filed the staff shall announce the date of the hearing before the Commission. The County Highway Engineer must report to the Commission staff that the street construction plans are in order and the County Surveyor must report to the Commission staff that the drainage plans are in order as a part of the technical review in the determination by the Executive Director that the application is in technical conformity and ready for announcing the date for public hearing.
- (d) The Executive Director shall set a hearing date for the primary plat approval or vacation. The hearing date shall be the date of the first Commission hearing at which the primary plat approval could be considered under Rule 5.2 (c).

5.3 Notice Requirements:

- (a) Interested parties defined:

1. For the purpose of platting real estate, all persons with a legal interest in the property to be platted and all abutting property owners to the subject property being platted are interested parties.
 - i. Abutting property owners are record title owners whose property is contiguous to the subject property, including any property that would touch at any point the subject property ignoring all rights of way, easements and alleys, including property owned by a governmental body for the primary purpose of a road way. For the purpose of notifying abutting property owners, if only a portion of a parcel of real estate is being considered at the public hearing, and with the remaining portion owned by the same property owner, then the abutting property owner to the entire parcel shall be notified, except that when the abutting property owner's real estate is 500 feet or more distant from the part of the real estate being considered, no notification shall be required. Abutting property owners names and address are to be obtained from the Real Estate Transfer Card in the County Auditor's Office.
 2. For the purpose of vacating real property, all persons required to be notified of the vacation hearing under IC 36-7-3-11 and all persons with a legal interest in property abutting the property to be vacated are interested parties. (See Subdivision Control Ordinance for definition of abutting property owners. Same as 5.3 Notice Requirements (a) (1) (i) of these rules).
- (b) Adequate notice is provided under these rules if:
1. The petitioner shall send by certified mail with return receipt requested to all abutting property owners a notice of the filing of the subdivision primary plat or vacation on a form provided by the Commission staff at least twenty-one (21) days before the hearing date. The notice must state the date, time, and place of the hearing, the name of the petitioner, owner of record, the complete legal description of the property being platted or vacated and a general description of its location as deemed adequate by the Executive Director.
 2. The Executive Director publishes a notice of the public hearing in the Boonville Standard at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date (IC 5-3-1-2). This notice must state the name of the petitioner, the owners of record, the date, time and place of the hearing, a short legal description of the property being platted or vacated and a general description of the property as deemed adequate by the Executive Director.
 3. The petitioner must submit an affidavit listing all abutting property owners and the return receipts from certified mailing return receipt requested of the notice of the hearing plus any letter unclaimed by Noon on the Thursday prior

to the Monday hearing, before the plat or vacation may be considered by the Commission. If return receipts or unclaimed mail has not yet been returned from the Post Office, the applicant may submit the receipt of mailing (certified mail return receipt requested) provided copies of the Real Estate Transfer Card from the County Auditor's Office is also provided as proof of correct mailing per their records. This shall suffice as proof of providing adequate notice and the application shall be considered; however, the applicant must submit to the Area Plan Commission Office any return receipts or unopened, returned certified mail once it is returned to the applicant to be placed in the permanent file. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!!** If the above requirements are not met, the application will be postponed until the next regularly scheduled hearing.

- (c) If a petition is filed to vacate, replat or amend any portion of a plat, then the petitioner must notify each owner of land in the plat in addition to the abutting property owners of the hearing. This notice shall also be in the manner as prescribed for notice to abutting property owners.

5.4 Report of Determination:

- (a) If the Commission, following the conclusion of the public hearing, determines the application and plat comply with the standards of the Warrick County Subdivision Control Ordinance, it shall make written findings and a decision granting primary plat approval.
- (b) If, after the hearing, the Commission disapproves the plat, it shall make written findings setting forth its reason and a decision denying primary approval.
- (c) The Commission, following the conclusion of the public hearing required by IC 36-7-3-11, shall approve or deny the petition for vacation based upon a determination that:
 - i. Conditions in the platted area have changed so as to defeat the original purpose of the plat;
 - ii. It is in the public interest to vacate all or part of the plat; and
 - iii. The value of that part of the land in the plat now owned by the petitioner will not be diminished by vacation.

If the Commission determines the plat or part of the plat should be vacated it shall make written findings and a decision approving the petition. If the Commission disapproves the petition, it shall make written findings setting forth its reason. The approval, disapproval, or imposition of a condition on the approval of the vacation of all or part of a plat is a final decision of the Commission. The petitioner or aggrieved party may seek review of the decision of the Commission by certiorari procedure. (IC 36-7-4-1016).

5.5 Secondary Plat Approval:

The Executive Director shall determine under IC 36-7-4-709 (c) if all improvements and installations have been constructed and completed or Proof of Financial Responsibility has been provided for as required by the Subdivision Control Ordinance and shall grant secondary approval if all requirements have been met. It is at the discretion of the Executive Director if the secondary plat must be presented to the Commission.

5.6 House Numbers:

The Commission shall approve and administer the assignment of house numbers to lots and structures from the numbering system adopted by Warrick County.

5.7 Street Names:

The Commission shall approve the naming of all streets within a subdivision avoiding duplication of any existing street names. For the purpose of these rules, street, shall also mean lane, court, road, boulevard, circle.

RULE 6

ZONING VIOLATION COMPLAINTS

6.1 All zoning complaints must be filed on the official complaint form supplied by the office staff or online.

By filing this complaint the complaining party agrees to cooperate and assist Warrick County in all investigations and in any pursuit and enforcement actions taken upon any complaint filed, including but not limited to attending and testifying at all public hearings or court hearings resulting from the finding of any complaint and the failure of the complaining party to so cooperate or assist may be grounds for the administrative dismissal of their complaint. Dates and times of public hearings and court hearings will be supplied to complainant by staff.

The complaining party affirms that they are not filing the complaint as the result of any personal animosity, anger or for a vindictive purpose against the owner of the property against which the complaint is lodged. If it is discovered that the complaining party has violated this requirement, Warrick County reserves to administratively dismiss their complaint and to seek to recovery from the complaining party, all costs and expense incurred by Warrick County in pursuit of the complaint.

6.2 The form must be filed in person and signed in front of office staff or if mailed the complainant's signature must be notarized.

6.3 The Commission does not accept anonymous complaints.

6.4 The Commission does not accept complaints by any Commission Board Member or County Commission unless accompanied by the complaint form.

6.5 All complaints will be forwarded to the Zoning Inspector for inspection and photographs unless it is determined by the Executive Director the inspection should be done by the President of the Board or the Director.

RULE 7

AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSION

7.1 Amendments:

These Rules may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Commission.

7.2 Suspension:

These Rules or any portion of them may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Commission. No suspension shall continue beyond the adjournment of the hearing at which the motion to suspend was passed.

7.3 Effective Date:

These Rules shall enter into effect immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTION

The Rules of Procedure of the Area Plan Commission of Warrick County, Indiana, approved by the affirmative vote of ___ members of said Commission at the regular hearing of the Commission held on the ___ day of _____, 2019.

Guy Gentry, President

ATTEST: _____
Sherri Rector, Executive Director