

**CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING
GONZALES MUNICIPAL BUILDING 820 ST. JOSEPH STREET
AGENDA – OCTOBER 20, 2020 5:15 P.M.**

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas Government Code and the March 16, 2020 order by the Governor of the State of Texas, the Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 5:15 p.m., via teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's order.

This meeting notice, agenda and agenda packet are posted online at www.gonzales.texas.gov.

In accordance with Governor Abbott's Executive Order 29 issued on July 2, 2020 every person attending the meeting shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth unless the person is under 10 years of age or has a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak on agenda items. This DOES NOT apply to statutorily-mandated public hearings, such as zoning and similar hearings. The Governor has since clarified his intent and stated that citizens should be allowed to offer comments by other means.

In person attendance by the public will be limited to 14 which is 50% capacity of the room less Board Members and required staff and should be separated by at least six (6) feet from other groups attending the meeting together. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

Citizens wishing to offer comments on the posted agenda items may email their comments at least two hours prior to the start of the meeting and the comments will be read into the record during the time allocated for citizen comments. Emails may be sent to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov and must include the name of the citizen

The public toll-free dial in number to participate in the telephone conference is hosted through FreeConferenceCall.com.

Toll-free call in number: **1-844-854-2222**

When asked for an access code enter **348787#**

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A recording of the telephone conference will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.


CALL TO ORDER

1. Introduction of Members
2. Presentation and discussion regarding training of board members to include rules of procedure, open meetings, hearing processes and other related responsibilities.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Zoning Board of Adjustments reserves the right to discuss any of the above items in Executive Closed Session if they meet the qualifications in Section 551.071, of Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

CERTIFIED as posted by 11:30 a.m. on October 17, 2020. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of the above stated meeting: Gonzales Inquirer.



Kristi Gilbert, Administrative Services Director/City Secretary