



City of Fort Lauderdale

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AGENDA

### Meeting Format

The following format shall be used however; the Chairperson in special circumstances may impose variations.

- Identification of item by Chairperson
- Questions to Staff from Board
- Applicant's or Agent's presentation:  
(Those associated with a project must speak during the applicant's presentation time).
- Public Hearing – testimony from the public beginning with those in favor, followed by those in opposition.
- Representatives of Associations and Groups.
- Individuals.
- Board Discussion
- Final comments from the applicant or agent
- Public Hearing closed  
(No further public comment unless specifically requested by a Board member).
- Return to the board for final comments, motion, second, and vote. (All motions are stated in the positive and include all staff recommendations, unless otherwise noted. A majority-vote plus one is required for approval of all applications).

### Duties of the Board

The Board of Adjustment makes decisions on the following items:

- Variance Applications
- Special Exceptions Applications
- Requests for Rehearing
- Parking Requirements Modifications
- Zoning Interpretations

### Purpose

The board of adjustment shall receive and hear appeals in cases involving the ULDR, to hear applications for temporary nonconforming use permits, special exceptions and variances to the terms of the ULDR, and grant relief where authorized under the ULDR. The board of adjustment shall also hear, determine and decide appeals from reviewable interpretations, applications or determinations made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the ULDR, as provided herein.

## **Variance Criteria**

Each variance request must meet the following criteria as established in **Sec. 47-24.12.A.4**

- a. That special conditions and circumstances affect the property at issue which prevent the reasonable use of such property; and
- b. That the circumstances which cause the special conditions are peculiar to the property at issue, or to such a small number of properties that they clearly constitute marked exceptions to other properties in the same zoning district; and
- c. That the literal application of the provisions of the ULDR would deprive the applicant of a substantial property right that is enjoyed by other property owners in the same zoning district. It shall be of no importance to this criterion that a denial of the variance sought might deny to the owner a more profitable use of the property, provided the provisions of the ULDR still allow a reasonable use of the property; and
- d. That the unique hardship is not self-created by the applicant or his predecessors, nor is it the result of mere disregard for, or ignorance of, the provisions of the ULDR or antecedent zoning regulations; and
- e. That the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible a reasonable use of the property and that the variance will be in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ULDR and the use as varied will not be incompatible with adjoining properties or the surrounding neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

## **Sign-In Sheet**

Those who address the Board of Adjustment during the public hearing portion must legibly record their name and address on sign-in sheet at the recording secretary's table while the preceding person is speaking. The primary purpose of the sign-in sheet is to assist staff in recording the minutes.

## **Minutes**

A copy of the official minutes will be available to the public and can be picked up at the Planning and Zoning Division, 700 NW 19 Avenue, after the Board of Adjustment meeting of the following month.

## **Board of Adjustment Meeting Dates**

Meetings are held at City Hall in the Commission Chambers (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), 100 North Andrews Avenue the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The dates are as follows:

January 14, 2009  
February 11, 2009  
March 11, 2009  
April 8, 2009  
May 13, 2009  
June 10, 2009

July 8, 2009  
August 12, 2009  
September 9, 2009  
October 14, 2009  
November 11, 2009  
December 9, 2009

**NOTE:** Two or more City Commissioners and/or Advisory Board members may be present at this meeting. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. If you desire auxiliary services to assist in viewing or hearing the meetings, or reading meeting agendas and minutes, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954-828-5002 and arrangements will be made to provide these services for you.

## AGENDA

### **CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009

**PLACE OF MEETING:** City Hall  
City Commission Chambers  
100 North Andrews Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**TIME OF MEETING:** 6:30 P.M.

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#### **Approval of the July 8, 2009 Minutes**

1. **Applicant:** Robert T. Williamson Rev Liv TR **09-23**
- Request:** **APPEALING: Section 47-22.4.A.1 (Maximum number of signs at one location and special requirements in zoning districts-*single business building*)**  
Requesting a variance to allow 5 signs, where Code states that the total number of signs on any one (1) lot or plot shall not exceed four (4).
- Legal Description:** "Corrected Plat of Everglade Land Sales Company's First Addition to Lauderdale, Florida," P.B. 2, P. 15, Block 18, Lots 13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 less the W.25 thereof, and Lot 18 less the W.25 Feet thereof, and Lots 19, 20, 21, 22 & 23, as more particularly described in the application for a variance for Appeal No. 09-23, on file with the Clerk of the City of Fort Lauderdale Board of Adjustment
- Address:** 1700 S. Federal Highway
- Zoning:** B-1 (Boulevard Business)
- District:** 4

2. Applicant: Robert Seymour 09-24

**Request:** **APPEALING: Section 47- 5.31 (Table of dimensional requirements for the RS-8 District)**  
Requesting a variance to permit a 12 foot 6 inches front yard setback, where Code requires a 25 foot front yard setback.

Legal Description: "Fairfax Brolliar Addition- Section 5," P.B. 40, P. 27, Block T, Lot 1.

Address: 3611 SW 21<sup>st</sup> Street

Zoning: RS-8 (Residential Single Family Low Medium Density District)

District: 3

3. Applicant: Landfall Holdings, LLC 09-25

**Request:** **APPEALING: Section 47-13.14**  
Requesting a variance to permit a contractor's yard in the RAC-WMU district, where it is not listed as a permitted use pursuant to Section 47-13.14

Legal Description: Amend PL SUB Blk. 7 Ft.Laud. P.B. 1, P. 60, Block A, Lots 17 & 18

Address: 107 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Zoning: RAC-WMU

District: 3

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<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/documents/boa/boaagenda.htm>