

**RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS
AND ORAL ARGUMENT
TO THE HINSDALE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

The Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) unanimously approved and adopted the following rules governing written submissions and oral arguments on November 15, 2017:

1. No party is required to submit legal briefs or letters to the ZBA in support of any zoning appeal or variance request. The only documents that any appellant or zoning variance applicant must submit are the appeal forms and/or variance request forms and accompanying materials already required under the Hinsdale Zoning Code. The party that filed the appeal or the variance request need not retain counsel to represent them, but they may do so if they wish.

2. If any party wishes to submit a separate legal brief or letter detailing the reasons why the ZBA should grant such appeal or variance request, then such party shall deliver to the Zoning Board of Appeals at Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 E. Chicago Avenue, ten (10) signed copies of such briefs or letters at least 14 days before the ZBA meeting when the ZBA will hold the hearing, the appeal, or the variance application.

3. Within seven days thereafter, the Village of Hinsdale may, but is not required, to file a brief or letter in response to any brief or letter that any other party has filed. Any such letter or brief that the Village may file in response shall conform to all of the requirements established in these rules.

4. Any brief or letter submitted in support of or in response to any such letter or brief must be on 8-1/2" by 11" paper. The text must be double-spaced, but quotations more than two lines long may be indented and single-spaced. The type face must be 14 point type or larger. A one inch margin is required at the top, bottom, and each side of each page. Each page must have a page number at the bottom.

5. No such briefs or letters shall exceed 12 pages unless the ZBA grants a party's request for an extension of that page limit. Footnotes are discouraged.

6. If any such letter or brief cites to any legal authority, then the letter or brief must contain an index indicating each page number of the letter or brief which cites to that legal authority.

7. If any such brief or letter refers to any other documents, then all such documents must be attached as exhibits. Every such exhibit attached to the brief or letter must be identified with an exhibit number, and must be preceded by a numbered tab corresponding with the exhibit number that protrudes on the right hand side of such brief or letter. All such exhibits must be legible.

8. Any such brief or letter containing less than 20 pages of text and exhibits combined must be firmly stapled in the upper left hand corner of the brief or letter. Briefs or letters that contain more than 20 pages of combined text and exhibits must be spiral bound on the left hand side in a manner that does not interfere with the legibility of any such text or exhibits.

9. If any such brief or letter cites any code section, ordinance, statute, or court decision, then such legal authority must be attached in its entirety as an exhibit to the brief or letter, and the exhibit number must be included in the index required under paragraph 6.

10. The ZBA will not consider briefs or letters that do not meet all of these requirements.

11. At the hearing on any such appeal or variance request, the party that filed the appeal or the variance request has a maximum of 15 minutes to present their initial arguments regarding why the ZBA should grant such appeal or variance request; the Village may then have a maximum of 15 minutes to respond; and the party that filed the appeal or variance request may

then have five minutes to reply. These time limits may be extended by a maximum of five minutes per side in the ZBA's discretion. These time limits apply only to oral argument by a party to the ZBA regarding whether the facts support a conclusion that the ZBA should grant the appeal or variance request under the applicable zoning standards, but not to any witness testimony that any party may wish to present.

12. Any non-party to any such appeal or variance request who wishes to address the ZBA at the hearing on any such appeal or variance request, may have a maximum of five minutes to address the ZBA regarding whether the ZBA should grant the appeal or variance request.

Adopted by the Zoning Board of Appeals on November 15, 2017.