

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICY REGARDING LAST-MINUTE OR NEAR  
LAST-MINUTE ADJOURNMENT REQUESTS**

**BELMAR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment is a duly organized Land Use Board, operating and existing in accordance with the Rules and Regulation of the State of New Jersey and the Borough of Belmar; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Board has a set of Rules and Regulations by which the entity operates; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last several years, the Board has experienced a number of scheduled Applications which have, at the last minute, or at the near last minute, been adjourned; and

**WHEREAS**, last-minute adjournments and / or near last-minute adjournments have played havoc with the Board agenda / schedule; and

**WHEREAS**, such a phenomenon:

- Compromises Zoning Office efficiency;
- Compromises Zoning Board efficiency;
- Compromises the ability of the Zoning Board to adjudicate Applications in a time-efficient fashion;
- Unnecessarily delays the review / adjudication of other non-related Development Applications;
- Tends to undermine public confidence in the Zoning Board of Adjustment process;
- Tends to diminish public interest in, or attendance at, designated Public Hearings; and
- Inconveniences the public; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result, the Board has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to establish a policy so as to likely minimize opportunities for last-minute, or near last-minute adjournments, where no good cause exists; and

**WHEREAS**, it is believed that such a policy will be in the best interest of the Zoning Board, and the residents of the Borough of Belmar.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Members of the Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment as follows:

1. That effective immediately, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, in the event of 2 (in the aggregate) last-minute or near last-minute adjournments (i.e., adjournments when there is not sufficient / reasonable time to place another Application on the agenda, the subject Application shall be adjourned to a future meeting date (depending on agenda availability and the nature and extent of other Public Hearings waiting to be scheduled), with new-notice required.
2. That the within policy may be waived, if good cause exists, or if the interest of justice so requires.
3. That the within policy shall become a part of the Zoning Board Rules and Regulations.
4. That the within policy may be amended upon future authorization of the Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.*

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April Claudio, Zoning Board Secretary