

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARINGS
RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Public Hearings - the order of presentation shall be as follows, unless varied by the Chairman.
 - a. Staff report.
 - b. Applicant's presentation.
 - c. Comments, statements or presentations from members of the public.
If a planning or zoning matter, those who are in support of the matter before the Board will speak first; those who have questions or concerns will speak next; those who are opposed will close the public comment period.
 - d. Questions from members of the Board
2. The initial presentation by the applicant shall be limited to 10 minutes. Additional time will be granted at the discretion of the Chairman.
3. Each speaker shall be limited to 3 minutes, whether speaking on behalf of a group or as an individual. Additional time will be granted at the discretion of the Chairman.
4. When a large group is anticipated, a speakers' sign-up sheet will be located outside the hearing room. Speakers arriving after the commencement of the hearing will be recognized at the discretion of the Chairman.
5. Repetitive testimony is discouraged.
6. All comments shall be directed to the members of the Board of Supervisors. Debate is prohibited.
7. Public remarks shall be confined to the matter under discussion and shall be relevant. The Chairman shall have the authority to end a presentation that violates these rules.
8. Following discussion of all matters considered in the public hearing, the members will consider one of three actions regarding each matter:
 - Approval (with conditions, as applicable);
 - Denial; or
 - Table for further review.
9. Once the public comment period has been closed, no further public input will be permitted unless clarification is requested by a Board member. The response shall address only those questions raised by the member.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 22, 1996.