



CITY OF LA PORTE

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La Porte, IN 46350
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City Council

Appointments:

Brian Kajer
Jan. 2022-Dec. 2025

Mayoral Appointments:

Mark Danielson
Jan. 2022-Dec. 2025

Vickie Gushrowski
Jan. 2025-Dec. 2027

Nate Loucks
Jan. 2024-Dec. 2027

Pete Saunders
Jan. 2025-Dec. 2028

Council Liaisons:

Drew Buchanan

Julie West

PC/BZA Attorney:

Mark Worthley

Staff Liaison:

David Heinold

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CITY OF LA PORTE – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AGENDA

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at or after 6:00 p.m.
Immediately Upon Conclusion of Plan Commission meeting
City Hall Council Chambers | 801 Michigan Ave.
www.cityoflaporte.com | (219) 362-8260

MEETING NOTES:

Individuals needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the City of La Porte Office of Community Development & Planning at (219) 362-8260 by 10:00 am, Friday, preceding the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Members of the public should understand the Board of Zoning Appeals members may be unable to thoroughly review and consider materials delivered by the day of the public hearing. The order of business shall be:

A. Applicant Presentation B. Staff Presentation C. Public Comment
D. Applicant Response E. Board Discussion/Action

ITEM 1. Call Meeting to Order

ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ITEM 5. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #25-09 PETITION** to Reduce the Minimum Side Yard Building Setback from 8.25 Feet to 5 Feet on Both Sides; and Reduce the Minimum Rear Yard Building Setback from 20 Feet to 5 Feet

Petitioner: James & Kim Baldwin

Property Owner: same

Location: 407 Lakeside Street

Staff Report: David Heinold

ITEM 6. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #25-10 PETITION** to Exceed the Maximum Accessory Building Area – Requesting 956 Square Feet; and Reduce the Minimum Rear Yard Building Setback for a Detached Accessory Building from 10 Feet to 6 Feet

Petitioner: Kimberly Cornell

Property Owner: same

Location: 1003 West 12th Street

Staff Report: Craig Phillips

- ITEM 7. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #25-11 PETITION** to Exceed the Maximum Accessory Building Area – Requesting 2,550 Square Feet; Increase the Maximum Building Height for a Detached Accessory Building from 18 Feet to 28.5 Feet; and Reduce the Minimum East Side Yard Building Setback from 40 Feet to 7 Feet
Petitioner: Attorney Dave Ambers (representing Jim Roy)
Property Owner: Jim Roy
Location: 1400 Ohio Street
Staff Report: David Heinold
- ITEM 8. **USE VARIANCE #25-03 PETITION** to Allow Accessory Dwelling Unit within the Detached Accessory Building
Petitioner: Attorney Dave Ambers (representing Jim Roy)
Property Owner: Jim Roy
Location: 1400 Ohio Street
Staff Report: David Heinold
- ITEM 9. **SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE #25-03 PETITION** to Allow Retail Automobile Parts Store
Petitioner: Fisher Auto Parts (Brandon Elam)
Property Owner: Gjms Llc
Location: 2431 Monroe Street
Staff Report: David Heinold
- ITEM 10. Old Business
- ITEM 11. New Business
- ITEM 12. Other Business
- ITEM 13. Adjournment

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