BLAIR HOUSING AUTHORITY

Helping Provide Affordable Housing

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BLAIR
BOARD MEETING RULES

Nebraska Revised Statute §§84-1408 through 1414 and the Blair Housing Authority (BHA) By-Laws, Article III, Section 6, allow the presiding officer of the Board of Commissioners to place reasonable limits upon public participation during public board meetings. To this end, the following rules have been established to govern the participation of the public during BHA Board Meetings.

Generally, time is reserved at the beginning of every BHA Board Meeting for public comments, although the Board has the discretion to hear comments at later times in the meeting.

A. A person shall not be allowed to address the Board during meetings unless it pertains to business on the agenda. If a person wishes to speak about an item that is not listed on the agenda, he or she must request that the item be placed upon the agenda no less than forty-eight hours in advance of a regularly scheduled board meeting. This request must be made in writing and must be submitted to BHA's Executive Director at the BHA office. A majority vote of the Board of Commissioners will determine if the speaker shall be added to the agenda.

B. A person shall not be allowed to speak until invited to do so.

C. All speakers should state their name, address, and organization, interest, or person he or she represents before speaking.

D. Each person will be allowed a reasonable period of time, not to exceed three (3) minutes, to speak.

E. If any speaker has a question for one the Board members or its staff, every reasonable effort will be made to answer the questions. However, cross-examination or arguments will not be permitted.

F. We ask all speakers to address their remarks or questions to the Board and not to others who may also be in the room.

G. If any person is repetitious, or exceeds a reasonable time limit, we reserve the right to ask that person to please take a seat.

H. We reserve the right to limit the number of speakers on any one agenda item to a reasonable number.

I. All speakers must remain civil and may not use profanity.

J. Any speaker who interrupts the meeting, speaks out of turn, or violates any of these rules will be declared out or order and will be asked to cease and desist addressing the Board immediately. If he or she does not do so, he or she will be asked to leave the meeting.

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