



**IRMO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
April 21, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marsha Clarke, Chair
Labrina Myers
John Davis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Walter Lindler

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug Polen, Assistant Administrator

CALL TO ORDER:

The Irmo Zoning Board of Appeals held a hearing on Monday, April 21, 2025 in the Irmo Municipal Building located at 7300 Woodrow St, Irmo, SC 29063. Marsha Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No motion made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Clarke made a motion for approval. Ms. Myers seconded. The vote passed 3-0.

MEETING PROCEDURES

Ms. Clarke read information concerning compliance with the Freedom of Information Act as well as a briefing of BZA procedures. Mr. Polen administered the oath to those presenting testimony.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

Mr. Davis made a motion to nominate Ms. Clarke as Chair, seconded by Ms. Myers. Motion Carried 3-0

Mr. Davis made a motion to nominate himself as Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Myers. Motion Carried 3-0

Ms. Clarke made a motion to nominate Ms. Layne as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion Carried 3-0

b. Consideration of a variance to signage for Metro Mortgage, 7223 Saint Andrews Road, TMS 001917-01-046

Tommy Granger of Signs Unlimited of South Carolina, 1584 Whiting Way, Lugoff S.C., spoke for the applicant. He was contacted by Ms. Neal, the applicant, to place an electronic sign at Metro Mortgage, but discovered that such signs were not permitted under the current zoning. They spoke with staff and opted to apply for a variance. Mr. Granger stated that the new sign would not be visible from the residential areas behind the subject property.

Mr. Davis asked if the new sign would be smaller than the existing sign. Yes, it will be.

Ms. Clarke asked about the removal of the existing shrubbery. Mr. Granger stated that it will have to be removed to allow for the foundation of the new sign. Ms. Clarke stated that any shrubbery removed will have to be replaced to meet the town landscaping ordinance.

Ms. Clarke asked about flashing signs, pointing out that they can be distracting. David Spradley of Signs Unlimited stated that they are looking at fifteen seconds per sign with no animation. Also, the sign will automatically dim from 8,500 nits in full sunlight to 150 nits at night.

Ms. Myers made a motion to allow the variance with the condition that the replacement shrubbery be approved by Staff, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion Carried 3-0.

COMMENTS

No comments

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Myers made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion passed 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

ATTEST:

Zoning Clerk / Designee

Chair