City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Department Details

Department name: Board of Zoning Appeals

Type: Board or Commission

Meeting time: 4:00 PM

Meeting location: Council Chambers

Primary contact: Nikki Elsen

Description: The Board of Zoning Appeals is responsible for granting or denying requests for variances of the City Zoning Codes. The Board of Zoning Appeals consists of five members and two alternates who shall be appointed by Mayor subject to confirmation of the Council. The City Clerk shall serve as Secretary of the Board. The Mayor shall designate one of the members Chairman, one alternate as First and one as Second. The term of office of the members shall be for three calendar years, with no more than two terms expiring the same year, and alternate serving staggered terms of three years. The first alternate shall act, with full power, only when a member refuses to vote because of interest or is absent. The second shall act only when the first refuses or is absent, or when more than one member refuses or is absent.

Name	Title	Start Date	End Date	
Anastasia Gentry Appointed By: Mayor	First Alternate	8/14/2025	12/31/2027	
Andrew Sherman Appointed By: Mayor	Citizen	8/14/2025	12/31/2026	
Ben Stepanek Appointed By: Mayor	Citizen	7/10/2025	12/31/2027	
Jai Johnson Appointed By: Mayor	Second Alternate	8/31/2023	12/31/2023	*
James Cherf Appointed By: Mayor	Citizen	12/1/2019	12/31/2028	
James Szymalak Appointed By: Mayor	Citizen	2/13/2025	12/31/2026	
Rachel MacFarland Appointed By: Mayor	Citizen	4/9/2026	12/31/2028	

* indicates extended term

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