

Public Hearing Rules-September 5, 2024

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment to the proposed amortization amendment of the town's short-term rental ordinance. Unrelated issues can always be addressed at the public comment period at all monthly town board meetings.

1. Speakers will be required to sign-up to speak at they enter the Highlands Community Building. The sign-up period will be 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the hearing and 5 minutes into the hearing. The hearing will begin promptly at 7pm.
2. Each speaker will have 3 minutes to make a statement.
3. Speakers will be recognized in order they signed up on the speaker list.
4. Applause is prohibited.
5. Any disruptive behavior such as shouting at or heckling a speaker making a statement will result in that person being removed from the hearing.
6. Those persons not able to attend the hearing can submit in advance of the hearing a written statement of no more than 300 words that addresses the issue of amending the STR ordinance to include amortization. Statements are to be sent to the town clerk, Gibby Shaheen at gibby.shaheen@highlandsnc.org. The statements will be shared with the Highlands Board of Commissioners. Only statements sent directly to the town clerk will be entered into the official hearing record.
7. The vote to approve or disapprove the amendment will not be taken at the public hearing on September 5.