

City Clerk

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Good afternoon,

The City discussed its desire to add two specific alternates in the event a person is absent or unable to vote, but the zoning ordinance has not been amended to reflect the alternates. The two individuals are the supervisor and assessor (both elected officials but not paid employees of the city). Zoning amendments obviously take some time and require a public hearing, but I believe that if this is what the council wants to do, you can get a proposed amendment to the planning commission for its March meeting, then we can get everything published and have the public hearing by the PC April meeting. The recommendation can go to Council for their meeting the following day and they can vote on it on April 15th. This would give the City plenty of time to appoint alternates. I

As I told Grand Hotel's attorney: There are currently 5 members of the ZBA, being the public body less Anneke Myers who serves on the planning commission (the mayor is not a voting member of the ZBA). Again, this would just be to fill Richard Chambers' seat, as he would recuse himself. I would hope that there would be no issue with having one of the alternates available at the June meeting. I do want to be clear, we cannot guarantee the full 5 members of the ZBA, just like we cannot guarantee every voting member of any public body. That is not a requirement. That being said, this amendment was something that the Council was discussing and we are happy to push your hearing and meeting out if you would like to wait until we have had time to get through the process.

Grand Hotel's attorney confirmed that he understood that there is never a guarantee that a full voting body will appear at a meeting/hearing; however, given this issue, they would like to push the hearing to June 10th to allow the City more time to resolve everything.

I have attached a proposed amendment to the Zoning ordinance for your consideration.

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**AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE,
BEING ORDINANCE NO. _____, AS AMENDED
CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND**

Ord. No. _____, Eff. _____

An ordinance to amend Article 22 of Ordinance No. _____, as amended, to clarify the makeup of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

THE CITY OF MACKINAC ISLAND ORDAINS:

Section 1. Article 22, Section 22.01 of said Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. _____, as amended) is repealed and replaced with the following:

Section 22.01 – Creation and membership.

A board of zoning appeals is hereby established having the powers authorized in Public Act No. 110 of 2006, as amended. The board of zoning appeals shall consist of the city council.

The city council may appoint to the zoning board of appeals not more than two alternate members for the same term as regular members, being the elected city supervisor and the elected city assessor. An alternate member may be called to serve as a member of the zoning board of appeals in the absence of a regular member, if the regular member will be unable to attend one or more meetings. An alternate member may also be called to serve as a member for the purpose of reaching a decision on a case in which the member has abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. The alternate member appointed shall serve in the case until a final decision is made. An alternate member serving on the zoning board of appeals has the same voting rights as a regular member.

Section 2. Effective Date. **This ordinance shall become effective _____.**

Margaret M. Doud, Mayor

Danielle M. Leach, Clerk

Adopted: _____

Effective: _____