

**First Reading: February 10, 2026**  
**Second Reading: February 17, 2026**

ORDINANCE NO. 14329

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 38, ZONING ORDINANCE, AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 14137 ON JULY 23, 2024, ARTICLE XIV, ADMINISTRATORS, SECTION 38-69, BOARD OF APPEALS.

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Chattanooga adopted a new zoning ordinance, Ordinance No. 14137, on July 23, 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the Zoning Ordinance currently does not include language on the membership of Board of Appeals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the previous zoning ordinance did include the language on the membership of the Board of Appeals; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney's Office requested an amendment be processed to incorporate language on the membership of the Board of Appeals into the zoning ordinance.

**SECTION 1.** BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Part II, Chapter 38, Zoning Ordinance, be amended as follows:

**Amend Article XIV. ADMINISTRATORS, Section 38-69. Board of Appeals by deleting in entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:**

**Sec. 38-69. Board of Appeals.**

**Membership.**

The Board of Appeals, also known as the Board of Zoning Appeals and referred to in this Article as the "Board", shall consist of nine (9) members and shall be appointed by the City Council for three (3) year terms. One member shall be appointed from each City Council District. In the case of a vacancy, a member shall be appointed to serve the unexpired term of the former member creating the vacancy. A member who has served for three (3) years shall continue to serve as an official member of the Board until the member has been reappointed or a new member has been appointed to represent that District. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation.

**Officers and Meetings.**

A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall be elected from its own membership. A Secretary of the Board shall be provided by staff. The board shall fix its place of meeting and shall conduct at least one (1) regular meeting a month, provided there are applications to be reviewed by the Board. Other meetings of the Board shall be held upon the call of the Chairperson and at such times as the Board may determine. The presence of five (5) members shall constitute a quorum. In all other matters, the Board shall proceed according to its own rules of order for the conduct of business, such rules being of public record. The City Attorney or their designated representative shall be present at each Board meeting.


**Powers.**

The Board of Appeals has the following powers pursuant to this Code:

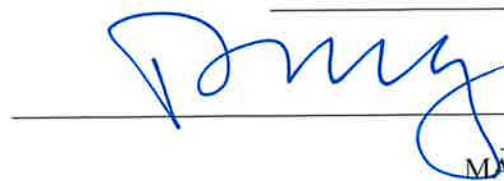
- (1) To make final decisions on any special exception request;
- (2) To make final decisions on any variance request;
- (3) To hear zoning appeals of the Director of the Land Development Office decisions;  
and
- (4) To hear zoning appeals of Sign Code decisions by the Director of the Land Development Office.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect two (2) weeks from and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading: February 17, 2026

  
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CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED:  DISAPPROVED:

  
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MAYOR

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