

The LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals has a Citizen-Member board opening as of January, 2021. The board is comprised of 5 citizen members. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Commissioner's room in the Annex Building.

If you are interested in becoming a citizen member of the LaGrange County Board of Zoning Appeals, contact the Auditor's office for an application.

All completed applications will need to be returned by November 2, 2020 to the Auditor's office for review.

Powers and Duties of the Board of Zoning Appeals

The BZA is considered an administrative board that is quasi-judicial in nature. A quasi-judicial entity operates more like a court than a legislative body and uses many standards and procedures like the courts. BZA decisions are required by state law to be guided by specific criteria, and made based upon the facts, not opinions. The primary role of the board of zoning appeals is to rule on the application of the existing zoning laws as opposed to passing new laws, and therefore it is considered an administrative body.

The BZA's duties fall into three categories:

- 1) Granting of variances: –Developmental standards variances; and –Variances of use.
- 2) Granting conditional uses; and
- 3) Appeals from administrative decisions.