

**TOWN OF BETHANY BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
MARCH 17, 2017 – MINUTES**

The Bethany Beach Town Council held a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on March 17, 2017 in the Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

Members present for the meeting were: Jack Gordon, Mayor, who presided; Lew Killmer; Jerry Morris; Bruce Frye; Rosemary Hardiman; Joseph Healy and Chuck Peterson.

Also present were: Cliff Graviet, Town Manager; Lisa Kail, Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk; and interested members of the public.

Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order. He noted that the public hearing was properly noticed and advertised as follows:

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PUBLIC HEARING**

*The Bethany Beach Town Council will hold a public hearing at **1:00 p.m. on March 17, 2017** in the Town Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE.*

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the following amendment to the Bethany Beach Town Code:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 425-87(B) OF THE BETHANY BEACH TOWN CODE TO PROVIDE THAT PROPERTIES LESS THAN 5000 SQUARE FEET IN THE C-1 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT ARE EXEMPT FROM OFF-STREET LOADING REQUIREMENTS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 425-90 OF THE BETHANY BEACH TOWN CODE TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE RELATING TO VARIANCE REQUESTS

The proposed ordinance is available for inspection in Town Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., (except on scheduled holidays), and are also available on the Town's website www.townofbethanybeach.com.

All interested persons are welcome to attend this hearing and to make comment.

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Mayor Gordon asked Mr. Killmer to provide a synopsis for each of the ordinances.

Mr. Killmer advised that the need for these proposed amendments came up during a recent Board of Adjustment hearing. The Code mandates businesses to provide off-street loading facilities. There are small commercial lots in the C-1 area where having this requirement is not appropriate.

The first ordinance amends Section 425-87(B) by allowing properties less than 5,000 square feet in the C-1 Downtown Commercial Zoning District to be exempt from off-street loading requirements.

The second ordinance amends Section 425-90 by removing the language of “, but not loading facilities,” so as to clearly articulate the Council’s legislative intent so that future construction complies with that intent.

Nobody was present to provide public comment. Mayor Gordon closed the hearing at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lisa A. Kail, MMC
Administrative Assistant/
Town Clerk