

How to Participate in the ZHM Hearing Virtually, In Person, and Submitting Documentary Evidence

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS: Hillsborough County is making it possible for interested parties to participate in this public hearing virtually by means of communications media technology or in person.

Virtual Participation: In order to participate virtually, you must have access to a communications media device (such as a tablet or a computer equipped with a camera and microphone) that will enable you to be seen (video) and heard (audio) by the Zoning Hearing Master during the public hearing.

Additionally, should you opt to participate virtually in this public hearing, you will be able to provide oral testimony to the Zoning Hearing Master, but you will be unable to submit documentary evidence during the public hearing. Therefore, if you opt to participate virtually in this public hearing, you must submit any documentary evidence you wish to be considered by the Zoning Hearing Master to the staff of the Development Services Department at least two business days prior to the Zoning Hearing Master hearing at Hearings@HillsboroughCounty.ORG. Any evidence submitted to the record prior to the deadline will be included in the record with or without live participation.

Anyone who wishes to participate virtually in this public hearing will be able to do so one week before the hearing by completing the online Public Comment Signup Form found at: <http://hcflgov.net/SpeakUp>. You will be required to provide your name and telephone number on the online form. This information is being requested to facilitate the audio conferencing process. The Zoning Hearing Master will call on speakers by name in the order in which they have completed the online Public Comment Signup Form, depending on the application(s) to which each speaker signed up to speak. An audio call-in number will be provided to participants that have completed the form after it is received by the County. All callers will be muted upon calling and will be unmuted in the submission order after being recognized by the Zoning Hearing Master by name. Call submissions for the public hearing will close 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing. Public comments offered using communications media technology will be afforded equal consideration as if the public comments were offered in person.

In Person: Standard in-person participation is still available. The format and procedures for in-person participation may differ from a traditional hearing. For the safety of participants and staff, social distancing will be properly adhered to at all times. For planning purposes, parties wishing to participate in person are encouraged to sign up ahead of time at <http://hcflgov.net/SpeakUp>.

Anyone wishing to view and listen to the public hearing live, without participating, can do so in the following ways:

- The County's official YouTube channel: [YouTube.com/HillsboroughCountyMeetings](https://www.youtube.com/HillsboroughCountyMeetings)
- The County's HTV channels on cable television: Spectrum 637 and Frontier 22
- The HCFLGov.net website by going to HCFLGov.net/newsroom and selecting the "Live Meetings" button
- Listening to the hearing on smart phones by going to the above YouTube link.

*If you have any questions or need additional information for providing public input
you may call (813)307-4739*