

Rehoboth Beach Homeowners Association City Update

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RBHA is continuing to track various issues as they come before City boards and commissions. This email summary of recent information is an effort to keep you up-to-date on topics that we believe may be of particular interest to our members. This is not meant to be an exhaustive summary of city business, but rather a more narrow focus on topics that may require tracking over time or warrant citizen engagement. This information is current as of April 15, 2023, the most recent meeting of the RBHA Board of Directors. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome!

Mayor and Commissioners

1. **Variations Issued by the Board of Adjustment.** At the regular meeting of March 17, 2023, the Board of Commissioners set a hearing date for April 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm to receive public input for proposed changes to Code regarding variances for commercial projects requiring Planning Commission review.
2. **Basement Heights.** Part 3 of the presentation from Building and Licensing was made on April 11, 2023. The Department recommends changed in Code to:
 - a. Remove references to basement heights of 6'6" to remove conflicts within Rehoboth Code and align with 2018 IRC.
 - b. Remove references to basement heights of 8' to eliminate conflicts within Rehoboth Code.
 - c. Revise Code to specify that non-habitable basement space must be not less than 6'6" or not more than 7'. Non-habitable space may provide space for mechanicals, bathrooms, toilet rooms and laundry facilities. Such space will not be included in FAR calculations.
 - d. Revise Code to specify that habitable basement space be a minimum measured height of 7', consistent with 2018 IRC Discussion will continue at the May Board of Commissioners Workshop meeting.

Planning Commission

No updates as of the deadline for the April 15, 2023 meeting of the RBHA Board of Directors.