

Department of Building and Zoning Services

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Notice About Upcoming BZS Boards and Commission Meetings

Many of you have spent the last few days listening and learning about the Covid-19 virus from our civic leaders. We here at Building and Zoning Services (BZS) have also been monitoring the information and will be following the guidelines provide by our city, county, and state health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It is with this knowledge and an overabundance of caution that we are cancelling the next meeting of each of our boards and commission.

As the Governor and Mayor have directed, we need to limit people's potential exposure to this virus at all costs. As we cannot limit the number of people that choose to attend a board or commission meeting nor can we determine the health of any attendee, we have made the choice to cancel the next meeting of the following boards and commission.

Board Name	Cancelled meeting date
Board of Zoning Adjustments	March 24, 2020
Columbus Building Commission	March 17, 2020
Development Commission	April 9, 2020
General and Home Improvement Contractor Board	April 1, 2020
Graphic Commission	March 17, 2020
Sign Erectors Board	April 7, 2020
Skilled Trades Board	March 18, 2020

We appreciate the time and energy that staff and board members put into completing their duties on these boards however by cancelling the meetings listed above we hope to preserve the health and wellbeing of those involved in these review processes.

As we draw closer to the end of March, BZS leadership will review the current environment and available information to determine if further cancellations are warranted. We will make sure to communicate with parties involved well in advance.

Should you have questions or want clarification about these cancellations, please contact Anthony Celebrezze at 614-645-6769.

The Department of Building and Zoning Services supports the safety and quality of life for City of Columbus residents and visitors alike. Helping to build a better city through the processes of reviews, permitting, inspections, zoning and engineering ensures proper land development and promotes high-quality design standards.

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