

CITIZEN GUIDE FOR PROVIDING INPUT DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Effective: August 1, 2021

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The Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages citizen input and engagement in our County government. Due to COVID-19, the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, and other County committees, boards, etc. are operating pursuant to the following protocols for public input and public participation.

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Public Participation and Public Hearing comments and information regarding the limited number of seats for in-person participation at County meetings are coordinated through Karin Everhart, Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

- 1. <u>In-Person Participation</u>: While county meetings have re-opened to the public, there could still be limited seating, if social distancing is needed. To enter the Prince Edward County Courthouse, unvaccinated and vaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask at all times and socially distance. Based on the uncertainty of social distancing requirements, the exact number of seats available in the Board/Planning Commission meeting room is uncertain. The County appreciates the public's patience as staff continues to adapt to the public safety recommendations and guidelines of the Virginia Department of Health and the CDC.
- 2. Written Comments: Please limit word count to no more than 500 words. Comments must be received by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
  - a. <u>Mailed</u>: Board of Supervisors (or Planning Commission) P.O. Box 382, Farmville, VA 23901.

b. **E-Mailed**: Board of Supervisors: board@co.prince-edward.va.us Planning Commission: info@co.prince-edward.va.us

- Remote Participation: Citizens may participate remotely during the meeting. To call in to the meeting, please dial: 1-844-890-7777. When prompted for an Access Number: 390313. Citizen
- meeting, please dial: **1-844-890-7777.** When prompted for an Access Number: **390313.** Citizens may provide comments during Public Participation and/or for a specific Public Hearing on the agenda. <u>Citizens are encouraged to pre-register</u> with the County Administrator's Office at 434-392-8837 by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Callers must be on the line and ready to speak when called upon by the Chair. Please state your name and district of residence. Based upon the # of speakers, the Chair will determine the time allotted to each speaker.
- **4.** <u>County YouTube Channel</u>: Citizen may also view the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting live at the County's YouTube Channel: (link is also on County website under Meetings & Public Notices.) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyfpsa5HEjIWejBSc5XwplA/featured">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyfpsa5HEjIWejBSc5XwplA/featured</a>.

Should citizens have questions, or need additional information, please contact the Prince Edward County Administrator's Office at 434-392-8837.