

Board of adjustment

The board of adjustment shall consist of five (5) members, each to be appointed for a term of two (2) years and removable for cause by the city council upon written charges and after a public hearing. Vacancies shall be filled by resolution for the unexpired term of any member whose term becomes vacant. The city council shall appoint four (4) alternate members of the board of adjustment who shall serve in the absence of one or more regular members when requested to do so by the city manager. All cases to be heard by the board of adjustment will always be heard by a minimum of four (4) members. Alternate members shall serve for the same period as regular members, and vacancies shall be filled and alternate members subject to removal in the same manner as regular members. All members shall be citizens of the City of Clute. The board of adjustment shall select one of their number as chairman and the minutes of all proceedings and the vote of each member upon every question shall be kept and be open to the public for inspection. The board of adjustment shall have the following powers:

- (1) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the zoning ordinance of the city.
- (2) To hear and decide special exceptions to the terms of the zoning ordinance of the city.
- (3) To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variances from the terms of the zoning ordinance of the city as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of such ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of such ordinance shall be observed and substantial justice done.