



ENTERPRISE ZONE ADVISORY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 2026
TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: City Hall Council Chambers, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ADVISORY BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Enterprise Zone Advisory Board (EZAB) of the City of Urbana/Champaign County (2016) Enterprise Zone Area, will conduct a meeting beginning at 3:00pm on Tuesday, September 1st in City Hall Council Chambers at the City of Urbana, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments and input regarding a proposed amendment to the Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Urbana, Illinois and Champaign County, Illinois, and all associated resolutions between the City of Urbana, Illinois and the participating taxing bodies. This amendment is a technical correction to ensure that all eligible Enterprise Zone and THINK URBANA properties enrolled in the Property Tax Abatement Incentive will have terms that remain in effect for their full duration, provided eligible abatement applications are approved prior to the zone's scheduled sunset date of December 31, 2030.

The details of the current and proposed amended language, as presented to the districts at the March 19, 2026, Enterprise Zone Advisory Board Meeting is as follows:

- Current language: “The said real estate tax abatement shall terminate upon the expiration of the Enterprise Zone designation.”
- Proposed Amended Language: “The said real estate tax abatement shall remain in effect for the full term of the approved abatement, provided that the application for such abatement is received and approved prior to the expiration of the Enterprise Zone designation.”

Persons unable to attend the meeting and wishing to comment may send written comments to:

Hillary L. Ortiz, Enterprise Zone Administrator
Community Development Services Department
City of Urbana
400 S. Vine Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

Persons with disabilities needing services or accommodations for this hearing should contact the Community Development Services Department at 217-384-2444.

AGENDA

- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
- B. Public Input
- C. Adjournment

All City meetings are broadcast on Urbana Public Television and live-streamed on the web. Details on how to watch are found on the UPTV webpage located at <https://www.urbanail.gov/executive-department/page/urbana-public-television>

PUBLIC INPUT

The City of Urbana welcomes Public Input during open meetings of the City Council, the City Council's Committee of the Whole, City Boards and Commissions, and other City-sponsored meetings. Our goal is to foster respect for the meeting process, and respect for all people participating as members of the public body, city staff, and the general public. The City is required to conduct all business during public meetings. The presiding officer is responsible for conducting those meetings in an orderly and efficient manner. Public Input will be taken in the following ways:

Email Input

Public comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted) at the following: EZone@UrbanaiL.gov. The subject line of the email must include the words **"ENTERPRISE ZONE ADVISORY BOARD - PUBLIC INPUT"** and the meeting date. Your email will be sent to all City Council members, the Mayor, City Administrator, and City Clerk. Emailed public comments labeled as such will be incorporated into the public meeting record, with personal identifying information redacted. Copies of emails will be posted after the meeting minutes have been approved.

Written Input

Any member of the public may submit their comments addressed to the members of the public body in writing. If a person wishes their written comments to be included in the record of Public Input for the meeting, the writing should so state. Written comments must be received prior to the closing of the meeting record (at the time of adjournment unless otherwise noted).

Verbal Input

Protocol for Public Input is one of respect for the process of addressing the business of the City. Obscene or profane language, or other conduct that threatens to impede the orderly progress of the business conducted at the meeting is unacceptable.

Public comment shall be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per person. The Public Input portion of the meeting shall total no more than two (2) hours, unless otherwise shortened or extended by majority vote of the public body members present. The presiding officer or the city clerk or their designee, shall monitor each speaker's use of time and shall notify the speaker when the allotted time has expired. A person may participate and provide Public Input once during a meeting and may not cede time to another person or split their time if Public Input is held at two (2) or more different times during a meeting.

The presiding officer may give priority to those persons who indicate they wish to speak on an agenda item upon which a vote will be taken. The presiding officer or public body members shall not enter into a dialogue with citizens. Questions from the public body members shall be for

clarification purposes only. Public Input shall not be used as a time for problem solving or reacting to comments made but, rather, for hearing citizens for informational purposes only.

In order to maintain the efficient and orderly conduct and progress of the public meeting, the presiding officer of the meeting shall have the authority to raise a point of order and provide a verbal warning to a speaker who engages in the conduct or behavior proscribed under “Verbal Input”. Any member of the public body participating in the meeting may also raise a point of order with the presiding officer and request that they provide a verbal warning to a speaker. If the speaker refuses to cease such conduct or behavior after being warned by the presiding officer, the presiding officer shall have the authority to mute the speaker’s microphone and/or video presence at the meeting. The presiding officer will inform the speaker that they may send the remainder of their remarks via e-mail to the public body for inclusion in the meeting record.

Accommodation

If an accommodation is needed to participate in a City meeting, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at least 48 hours in advance so that special arrangements can be made using one of the following methods:

- Phone: **217-384-2311**
- Email: **EZone@UrbanaIL.gov**