

## ARTICLE 11- ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

### SECTION 88 – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

#### 88.1 AUTHORITY AND APPOINTMENT

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** shall have all of the power and duties confirmed and imposed by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, under Chapter 124, revised 1958. The **Zoning Board of Appeals** is appointed by authority of the City of West Haven Charter by its adoption by the City Council.

#### 88.2 MEMBERSHIP

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** shall consist of five (5) members whose appointment and terms are established by City Ordinance.

#### 88.3 ALTERNATES

In addition, there shall be three (3) alternate members of the **Zoning Board of Appeals** as provided for by Section 8-5 of the Connecticut General Statutes, whose appointment and terms are established by City Ordinance.

#### 88.4 ALTERNATE POWERS

Whenever any alternate member shall replace a regular member, said alternate shall have all the power and rights conferred upon the regular member.

#### 88.5 BY-LAWS

The **Board** may adopt by-laws relative to its conduct and shall annually elect officers.

#### 88.6 POWERS

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** shall have all of the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon **Zoning Board of Appeals** by Chapter 124 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

#### 88.7 MEETINGS

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** shall file an annual schedule of meetings as required by law. In addition, the Board may meet and have meetings at their pleasure.

#### 88.8 SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to those duties imposed by statute, the **Zoning Board of Appeals** shall have the power, after public notice and hearing:

- 88.8.1 To hear, decide and determine, only in those specified cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, whether to vary the application the provisions of these Regulations;
- 88.8.2 To hear and decide appeals from and to review interpretations of these regulations;
- 88.8.3 To hear and decide appeals from a decision of the **Commissioner** of Planning and Development and/or **Zoning Enforcement Officer**.
- 88.8.4 To hear and decide applications for **Special Use Exceptions**, as provided and under such circumstances as permitted by these Regulations as outlined in Tables 39.1 and 39.2.