

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – Harlan, Iowa – JUNE 3, 2025

The Board of Adjustment of the City of Harlan met pursuant to the law and the rules of said Board in special session in the Council Chambers in City Hall at 12:05 P.M. on the 3rd day of June 2025. Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order, and the following members were:

Present: Mike Burroughs, Mike Christensen, Ruthanne Grimsley, Doug Hammer

Present Electronically: Julie Olson

Also Present: Board Secretary Susan Brammann, Building Inspector Roger Bissen, Code Enforcement Officer Jack Gubbels, City Administrator Gervas Mgonja

The Chairman presented the agenda. It was moved by Hammer and seconded by Burroughs that the agenda be approved. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs, Hammer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Chairman Christensen asked that any conflicts of interest be stated. None were stated.

It was moved by Grimsley and seconded by Hammer to approve the minutes from the 03/31/2025 meeting. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs, Hammer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Christensen announced that this was the date, time, and place for the public hearing regarding:

- a. CASE BA2025-002 – Application by Nicholas Beermann for a variance to allow a 6 ft fence on a corner lot located at 1802 7th Street, Harlan, IA 51537

Motion to open meeting by Grimsley and seconded by Burroughs. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs, Hammer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Petitioner was present to request variance for 6 ft. fence located at 1802 7th St. Fence has already been constructed to 6 ft for containing Petitioner's animals and for their children's safety.

Zoning Admin was present to explain that properties located on corner lots have 2 front yards. Due to line of site issues, the recommendation is that fences shall be allowed to the maximum height of 48 inches. Zoning Admin did not have any issues with the existing 6 ft. fence obstructing view from the street.

Neighbors – None were present

It was moved by Hammer and seconded by Burroughs to close the public hearing. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs, Hammer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Burroughs and seconded by Grimsley to approve the application. Roll call vote: AYES: Olson, Christensen, Grimsley, Burroughs, Hammer. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Other Business: Hammer and Grimsley agreed to serve 1 additional 4-year term ending 07/01/2029. It was decided that electing officers will be done at next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Susan Brammann

Susan Brammann, Secretary

Mike Christensen, Chairperson

These minutes are as recorded by the Secretary and are subject to Board approval at the next called meeting.