

**Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
Citizen Participation Information for Public Hearings
May 1, 2020**

Franklin County will continue to operate and conduct business including public hearings in the face of the current Coronavirus situation. Accordingly, the County is modifying the normal public hearing process to comply with the Commonwealth of Virginia's guidance and maintain proper social distancing.

Starting with the Planning Commission meeting on May 12, 2020, citizens will have a variety of options to participate in the public meetings/hearings on the matters to be heard by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors as follows.

Meetings will be broadcast live on YouTube. Here is the direct link
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBTQvrOHCY5JrnzDxjw5Oiw>

This medium will allow for citizens to view and listen to the public meeting and public hearing presentations. Although the meetings will provide limited opportunities for the physical presence of the public, several methods are being provided for public input before and during the public hearings.

The Public may comment until 5:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing by the following methods:

- Comments may be emailed to hannah.powell@franklincountyva.gov for Planning Commission hearings or madeline.sefcik@franklincountyva.gov for Board of Supervisors hearings
- Comments may be submitted using the Public Comment Submission Form that can be found at <https://www.franklincountyva.gov/FormCenter/Board-of-Supervisors-15/Public-Comment-Submission-Form-86>
- Written comments can be mailed to the Franklin County, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite 103, Rocky Mount, VA, 24151
- Comments may be directed to a planning staff member or by leaving a voicemail message for the Franklin County Planning Department at (540) 352-5720
- All of these comments received prior to 5 pm will be provided to the members prior to the meeting.

The Public may comment during the staff and applicant presentation period for each case on the agenda until Chairman closes the public hearing:

- Comments can be submitted during each public hearing using the Public Comment Submission Form that can be found at <https://www.franklincountyva.gov/FormCenter/Board-of-Supervisors-15/Public-Comment-Submission-Form-86>. These comments will be provided to all members prior to the vote, reflected in the minutes of the meeting, and included in the official zoning file records.
- Comments cannot exceed 3 minutes.