



# Public Hearing Rules for the hearing held December 22, 2025

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**Whereas**, the Planning & Zoning Commission (“Commission”) will consider the following rules for the hearing held December 22, 2025; and,

**Whereas**, the Commission must weigh the public’s interest in providing comment on the two items to be considered while also weighing the public’s interest in proceeding on the matters in an efficient manner.

**Whereas**, the Commission expects significant public participation in this matter, the Commission may consider certain rules to ensure each attendee has reasonable time to address the Commission, and that the Commission has adequate time to consider potential changes to Land Use Rules & Regulations.

**Now, therefore**, the Commission will consider adoption of the following rules to be adopted for use during the public hearing conducted on December 22, 2025 for the purpose of considering changes to Chapter 13.15 (Solar Energy Facilities) and Chapter 13.20 (Wind Energy Siting & Facilities) of the Platte County Land Use Rules & Regulations.

## **1. General Decorum Guideline:**

- a. Commission members, staff, speakers and audience members will conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner at all times during the public hearing.
- b. Failure to conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner may result in removal from proceedings pursuant to W.S. § 16-4-406.
- c. The Commission will consider changes to Chapter 13.15 (Solar Energy Facilities) and Chapter 13.20 (Wind Energy Siting & Facilities) as two separate agenda items for clarity on each individual chapter.

## **2. Rules for Speakers:**

- a. Speakers must write their name legibly on the Public Comment Sign In sheet prior to providing public comment (W.S. § 16-4-403(b)).
  - i. Platte County Planner, Laura Bookout, will need to document each individual providing public comment.
- b. Each speaker must state their first and last name while at the podium prior to addressing the Commission.
- c. Speakers are requested to refrain from making disruptive comments that are:
  - i. indecent or obscene;
  - ii. intended to incite unlawful action or may put the safety of others at risk;

- iii. derogatory toward others, such as personal criticism, ridicule or name calling; and
  - iv. intended to promote contests, lotteries, products, services, private enterprise, political candidates or ballot measures.
- d. Each speaker will be limited to **three (3) minutes per rule section**.
- i. First, the Commission will consider changes to Chapter 13.15 (Solar Energy Facilities). Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to provide comments on recommended changes to Chapter 13.15 (Solar Energy Facilities).
  - ii. Second, the Commission will consider changes to Chapter 13.20 (Wind Energy Siting & Facilities). Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to provide comments on recommended changes to Chapter 13.20 (Wind Energy Siting & Facilities).
  - iii. Commission members may ask questions to speakers. The question-and-answer period will **not** be considered as part of the speaker's three (3) minute allotted time.
  - iv. This will be timed and strictly enforced.

### **3. Rules for Audience:**

- a. Audience members shall refrain from distracting side conversations or speaking out during meetings.
- b. Audience members shall refrain from shouting, booing or other similar unruly behavior that impedes or disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- c. Audience members shall not approach the Commission table unless invited to do so.

### **4. Enforcement of Decorum Rules:**

- a. The Chair will request that a person who is violating a rule of decorum cease their behavior.
- b. If the behavior continues, the Chair will warn the person that he or she will be removed from the building if the behavior continues.
- c. If the behavior continues, the Chair will order the person to leave the building and may request law enforcement assistance to effectuate removal if necessary.
- d. Refusal to remove oneself from the meeting room when ordered to do so may result in criminal prosecution pursuant to W.S. 6-6-303.
- e. Pursuant to W.S. § 16-4-406, continued disruption may result in the Commission recessing the meeting and reconvene in another location.