

The Hearing Examiner's Chapter II, Rules of Procedure Sec. 2.9.2 provides:

At the Request of a Party or Parties

Any party of record may request continuance of a hearing.

- a. The request, if made prior to the hearing, must be in writing and state reasonable grounds for a continuance.
- b. The request for continuance must be submitted to the Hearing Examiner and all parties of record a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the date of the hearing. Other parties may submit a response to the request for continuance a minimum of one (1) week prior to the date of hearing.
- c. The parties may submit a joint request for continuance to the Hearing Examiner a minimum of three (3) working days prior to the date of the hearing.
- d. More than one request for continuance per party is disfavored.
- e. If the request is made orally at the hearing it must be based on reasonable grounds.
- f. The Hearing Examiner shall have discretion to grant or deny the request for continuance.

While recognizing that there are valid concerns regarding the current Covid-19 virus situation, the Hearing Examiner finds that the City's offer to allow appeal hearing witnesses to testify off-site would mitigate the risks involved. Therefore, the Appellant's request is **DENIED**. The consolidated appeal and application hearing will be held on March 24, 2020, as planned.¹ The appeal hearing (with testimony limited to those identified on the parties' witness lists) will take place at 10:00 AM, to be followed by the open-record application hearing.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of March 2020.



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¹ Should circumstances change such that City facilities are to be closed on the hearing date, the City shall immediately notify the parties and the Hearing Examiner.