

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX RETURNS WITH THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. SAID RETURNS MAY BE DISCLOSED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS THE PUBLIC INTEREST MAY REQUIRE.

SECTION 710. ZONING HEARING EXAMINER. THE COUNCIL MAY, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE IX OF THIS CHARTER, EMPLOY ONE OR MORE HEARING EXAMINERS TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN ZONING CASES. AN EXAMINER SHALL BE AN ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE HIGHEST COURT OF A STATE OR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, SHALL POSSESS JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT, SHALL HAVE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTRATIVE LITIGATION, AND SHALL DEMONSTRATE A KNOWLEDGE OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND ZONING LAW, PRACTICE, AND PROCEDURE BY COMPETITIVE WRITTEN EXAMINATION. SAID EXAMINERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 709, 1001 AND 1002 OF THIS CHARTER.

SECTION 711. DUTIES OF ZONING HEARING EXAMINER. IN ALL CASES DELEGATED BY THE COUNCIL TO A ZONING HEARING EXAMINER, HE SHALL CONDUCT A FULL AND COMPLETE PUBLIC HEARING UPON THE APPLICATION IN QUESTION, SUBJECT TO ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY LAW UPON THE COUNCIL. HE SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO SWEAR WITNESSES AND TO REQUEST SUBPOENAS FROM THE COUNCIL. AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING, HE SHALL PREPARE AND SERVE UPON ALL PERSONS OF RECORD A WRITTEN DECISION WHICH SHALL CONTAIN SPECIFIC FINDINGS OF BASIC FACTS, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND A RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION OF THE CASE. WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE SAID DECISION, ANY PERSON OF RECORD MAY FILE EXCEPTIONS TO ANY PORTION OF THE DECISION AND MAY REQUEST ORAL ARGUMENT THEREON BEFORE THE COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SHALL GRANT SUCH REQUEST AND SHALL GIVE AT LEAST TEN CALENDAR DAYS NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE ARGUMENT TO ALL PERSONS OF RECORD. IN THE EVENT NO EXCEPTIONS OR REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT IS FILED WITHIN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF SAID DECISION, THE COUNCIL MAY ACT FORTHWITH UPON THE APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 707 OF THIS CHARTER. THE COUNCIL SHALL IN ALL CASES DECIDE FINALLY EACH APPLICATION BY RECORD VOTE WITHIN 90 CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE HEARING EXAMINER FILES HIS DECISION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 707 OF THIS CHARTER.

SECTION 712. PEOPLE'S ZONING COUNSEL. THE