

**MINUTES
FARRAGUT BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

October 24, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Present: Corky Ives, Cleve Porter, Ron Williams, Keith Alley, and Louis LaMarche

Absent: None

Staff: Mark Shipley, Assistant Community Development Director

Item 1. Approval of Minutes for the August 22, 2012 meeting

A motion was made by Porter and seconded by LaMarche to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed 5-0.

Ayes: Alley, Porter, LaMarche, Ives, and Williams

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstaining: None

Item 2. Election of Officers

Board members reviewed the officer positions separately.

For the position of Chairman, a motion was made by Porter to nominate Ives. Motion was seconded by LaMarche. Motion passed 4-0-1 (with Ives abstaining).

For the position of Vice-Chairman, a motion was made by Ives to nominate Porter. Motion was seconded by LaMarche. Motion passed 5-0.

For the position of Secretary, a motion was made by Ives to nominate LaMarche. Motion was seconded by Porter. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 3. Public hearing on a request to determine if dog grooming is a personal service, as defined in Chapter 2 of the *Farragut Zoning Ordinance*, in order to be recognized as a permitted customary home occupation as provided for in Chapter 4, Section VI., C., of the *Farragut Zoning Ordinance*. (Connie Westerman, Applicant).

The staff provided an overview and noted that this item was being presented to the board because the requested home occupation that involved a dog grooming service is not a specifically listed personal

service that is provided for as a permitted home occupation in the *Farragut Zoning Ordinance*. The staff reviewed the definition of a personal service from Chapter 2 of the zoning ordinance and explained that the question within this definition is whether a pet is a “personal good.”

The staff indicated that, as long as the development criteria related to home occupations were satisfied, dog grooming would seem to be similar to other personal services, such as hair stylists, barbers, etc., that are specifically listed as permitted home occupations. A pet, in this context, would reasonably be considered a personal good.

Connie Westerman spoke as the applicant and described how she would be conducting the dog grooming practice that was requested. She addressed the development criteria that governs approved home occupations and indicated that she would have no problem complying with all such criteria.

A short discussion with board members ensued. A motion was made by Porter to consider dog grooming as a personal service similar to other specifically listed home occupations. Motion was seconded by Williams. Motion passed 4-0-1.

Ayes:	Alley, Porter, Williams, and Ives
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstaining:	LaMarche

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. to a training session on the Farragut Sign Ordinance.

Louis LaMarche, Secretary