

An Ordinance to Ensure the Public's Right to Participate in Hearings  
before the Building Board of Review

Section 1. The Providence Code of Ordinances will be amended to add a new Section 5-8 which will read as follows:

**Section 5-8. Right of public to participate in hearings before the Building Board of Review.**

Members of the public who attend meetings of the Building Board of Review will have the right to make comments, either orally or in writing, regarding any matter on the agenda for that meeting, or about any other matter of concern to the public. The Building Board of Review will allow each speaker a minimum of three (3) minutes in which to make their statement. Up to ten (10) members of the public will have the right to speak at any meeting, provided that they sign up before the meeting begins. The Building Board of Review shall have the authority to extend the speaking times and number of speakers beyond these minimum standards at its own discretion.

Section 2. This Act will take effect upon passage.