



Public Hearing Rules for the hearing held August 26, 2026

Whereas, the Planning & Zoning Commission (“Commission”) will consider the following rules for the hearing held August 26, 2026; and,

Whereas, the Commission must weigh the public’s interest in providing comments on the 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 make comment to the Commission, and that the Commission has adequate time to consider the comments made.

Now, therefore, the Commission will consider adoption of the following rules for use during the public hearing conducted on August 26, 2026, for the purpose of considering Rezoning land from Ranching, Agricultural, and Mining to Industrial.

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 Rezoning land from Ranching, Agricultural and Mining to Industrial.

2. Rules for Speakers in the Public Comment portion of the hearing:

- a. Speakers must write their name and affiliation 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**. Speakers are required to keep comments related to the application presented.
 - i. Commission members may ask questions at any time. When a Commission member initiates a question of a speaker, that time will **not** be considered as part of the speaker's three (3) minute allotted time.
 - ii. 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.

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.

Current Wyoming State Statues Referenced Above

§ **16-4-403**. Meetings to be open; participation by public; minutes.

(a) All meetings of the governing body of an agency are public meetings, open to the public at all times, except as otherwise provided. No action of a governing body of an agency shall be taken except during a public meeting following notice of the meeting in accordance with this act. Action taken at a meeting not in conformity with this act is null and void and not merely voidable.

(b) A member of the public is not required as a condition of attendance at any meeting to register his name, to supply information, to complete a questionnaire, or fulfill any other condition precedent to his attendance. A person seeking recognition at the meeting may be required to give his name and affiliation.

(c) Minutes of a meeting:

(i) Are required to be recorded but not published from meetings when no action is taken by the governing body;

(ii) Are not required to be recorded or published for day-to-day administrative activities of an agency or its officers or employees.

(d) No meeting shall be conducted by electronic means or any other form of communication that does not permit the public to hear, read or otherwise discern meeting discussion contemporaneously. Communications outside a meeting, including, but not limited to, sequential communications among members of an agency, shall not be used to circumvent the purpose of this act.

§ **16-4-406**. Disruption of public meetings.

If any public meeting is willfully disrupted by a person or group of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, and order cannot be restored by the removal of the person or persons who are willfully interrupting the meeting, the governing body of an agency may order the removal of the person or group from the meeting room and continue in session, or may recess the meeting and reconvene at another location. Only matters appearing on the agenda may be acted upon in a meeting recessed to another location. A governing body of an agency shall establish procedures for readmitting an individual or individuals not responsible for disturbing the conduct of a meeting. Duly accredited members of the press or other news media except those who participated in a disturbance shall be allowed to attend any meeting permitted by this section.

§ **6-6-303**. Refusing to desist or remove oneself from facilities.

No person within or upon the facilities of a governing body shall refuse to desist from a course of conduct or to remove himself from the facilities upon request by an authorized representative of the governing body, after having been notified that the conduct or the presence of the person is contrary to or in violation of established policies, rules or regulations of the governing body which are reasonably related to the furtherance of the lawful purposes of the governing body and incident to the maintenance or orderly and efficient use of its facilities for the purposes for which acquired or designated.