

**POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

Adoption of new policies or amending existing policies is a responsibility of the Board. Policies will be adopted or amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board at a regular or special meeting.

To permit time for study of new policies or amendments to policies, and to provide an opportunity for interested parties to react, proposed policies or amendments generally will be presented as an agenda item to the Board for First and Second Readings. In the event a public hearing is required by law before a policy may be adopted, a public hearing shall be scheduled before Second Reading.

Revisions to any policy or amendments to a policy under consideration by the Board at a Reading will not require repetition of any Reading, unless the Board so directs.

Notwithstanding the above, the Board may, in its discretion, waive a second reading and adopt a policy upon the First Reading when an urgent need exists to do so or other circumstances so warrant.

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