## Fountain County BZA Adopted Rule – September 11, 2025

## **Interested Parties Rule**

The Fountain County Board of Zoning Appeals hereby adopts the following rule to define "interested parties" for the purposes of appeal hearings:

An "interested party" shall include:

- Any property owner whose land is located within **600 feet** of the boundary line of any parcel included in the permit area subject to the appeal.
- Any additional individuals or entities as determined by the Board in accordance with Indiana law.

## **Public Clarification:**

This rule applies only to *letters of notice* sent to "interested parties" when an appeal is filed. It does not limit general public notice requirements (such as publication in the newspaper) or restrict the right of any member of the public to attend and observe BZA hearings. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that nearby property owners and directly affected parties receive written notice in addition to the general public notice process.