

ARTICLE IX

HEARINGS

SECTION 1.

In addition to those required by law, the commission may hold public hearings at its discretion when it is apparent that such hearings will be in the public interest.

SECTION 2.

Notice of such hearings shall be distributed to the "Publication Area" as defined in the Kentucky Revised Statutes 424.110. Notice shall be published at least once but may be published two or more times, provided one publication occurs not less than seven (7) days nor more than twenty-one (21) days before the occurrence of the hearing.

SECTION 3.

The matter before the commission shall be presented in summary by the secretary or a designated member of the commission and parties in interest shall have privilege to the floor. No record of statement shall be recorded or sworn to as evidence for any court of law without notice to the parties.

SECTION 4.

A record shall be kept of those speaking before the commission by the secretary.

SECTION 5.

The planning commission may appoint one or more of its members to act as a hearing examiner or examiners.

